

LAND OFFICE REPORT—1842.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*The annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.*

DECEMBER 15, 1842.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*December 15, 1842.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and beg leave to ask Congress to give its favorable consideration to the suggestions contained therein.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. FORWARD,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

Hon. JOHN WHITE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *December 1, 1842.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit, herewith, sundry documents, explaining and exhibiting in detail the operations in this branch of the public service for the year ending December 31, 1841, and the first, second, and third quarters of the current year.

Table A shows that during the calendar year 1841 the sales of public land amounted to 1,164,796 acres, the purchase money to \$1,463,364, and the receipts into the Treasury on account thereof, to \$1,365,627 42.

During the first three quarters of the year 1842 the sales amounted to 859,031 acres, the purchase money to \$1,079,366, and the receipts into the Treasury to \$1,091,638 95, as shown by table B.

Table C exhibits the monthly sales from January 1 to September 30, of the present year.

Exhibit D shows the latest period to which returns have been rendered by the district land offices, and the latest cash balances in the hands of receivers; and exhibit E the labors performed in registering the sales of the public lands on the books of this office, and in adjusting the accounts of receivers of public moneys.

The tabular statement marked F is a synopsis of the proclamations for the public sales of lands in the different land districts since the last annual report; and the exhibit on the following page will afford a condensed view of the quantity of land proclaimed for sale in the year 1842, and the probable amount available for market in 1843.

The accompanying document marked G\* comprises the reports of the surveyors general to this office, on the condition of the surveys in their respective districts, with estimates of the requisite appropriations, furnished in compliance with the circular letter of instructions from this office, a copy of which will be found prefixed to the same document. The reports of the surveyors general of the State of Arkansas and of the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa are not included, the latter not having reached this office, and the former not being received in time.

It appears that the operations of the office at *Cincinnati, Ohio*, have, during the present year, been principally confined to bringing up the records. The new surveys recommended to be made during the year ending June 30, 1844, comprise all the unsurveyed exterior lines of townships lying immediately north of Green Bay, in *Michigan*, the subdivisions into sections of the remaining twenty-three townships in the interior of the southern peninsula, and of about forty-seven townships, with the adjacent islands, along the straits of St. Mary and the lake, in the upper peninsula of that State, all of which have accordingly been included in the surveying estimates for the fiscal year, which will be found under that head.

The surveyor general at *St. Louis, Missouri*, reports a very large amount of office work performed during the present year; that, with a single exception, all the old contracts for surveys under the general appropriation have been completed, and that he is about contracting, under recent orders, for the subdivision of forty-five townships in the northern part of the State of Illinois, which, when completed, will about close the surveys in that State. The townships alluded to are those marked Z on the map transmitted with the last annual report.

The returns of the detached surveys in the *Quincy district, Illinois*, were daily expected at his office, for the examination of which, as also for some further surveys necessary to complete this description of work, he asks an appropriation, which has been introduced into the surveying estimates. He likewise reports that the survey of the villages of St. Genevieve and New Bourbon have this year been completed, leaving yet to be surveyed six of the villages named in the act of May 26, 1824; for effecting the surveys of which, including office work, he recommends an additional appropriation of *four thousand dollars*, which accordingly has been submitted. His recommendation of new surveys in 1843 and 1844 embraces about one hundred and forty full townships in Missouri, to be subdivided for market, being principally those townships designated for survey on the map accompanying the last annual report from this office.

The surveyor general of *Louisiana* appears to have been assiduously employed in bringing up the heavy arrears of office work left by his predecessor, including the *reprotractions and examinations* of the surveys in the *Greensburg* (formerly St. Helena) land district, and in closing the

\*The maps and sundry tabular statements referred to in the reports constituting document G have not been presented herewith, to avoid swelling this document with details which it was believed could be omitted without disadvantage.



old outstanding contracts for surveying; and a large amount of field work has been returned to his office during the year, which has been examined and approved. It is ascertained that the late surveyor general had entered into contracts for surveying so far exceeding the amount of funds which he had been apprized would be available for surveys in Louisiana, that, after applying the amount of the special appropriation of \$13,000, made by the act of August 26, 1842, there will still remain a large amount of work unprovided for. The statements made by the present incumbent not affording the information necessary to enable me to form a satisfactory estimate of the actual deficiency thus existing, the submission of the amount of appropriation necessary for surveying in the State of Louisiana is necessarily deferred until the receipt of further advices. In this (Greensburg) district, the patents for lands purchased of the Government had been for five years suspended, and Congress at their last session passed a law directing the purchase money to be refunded when the patents could not be issued, "owing to the errors and imperfections of the public surveys or to conflicting claims." Applications were made to me under this law for the money, and having caused a full investigation of the case to be made, and all the evidence touching it which the office afforded brought before me, I could not, upon mature reflection, satisfy myself that the imputed errors and imperfections and conflict of claims existed, and therefore felt constrained to decline making the desired payment. I invite your attention to this case in particular, as it involves a large amount of money, and as the applicants have manifested unusual zeal in pressing their claims for payment. It is at the same time due to them to state, that the lapse of time since the purchases were made, the depreciation in most, if not all, of the lands since then, and the difficulty of selling the same in the interval, in consequence of not receiving their titles, constitute a strong equitable claim to have the money refunded. No such discretion, however, was confided to me, and I had only to conform to the imperious letter of the law.

In the State of *Mississippi*, the completion of the surveys in the north-western portion of the Choctaw cession of 1830, and the retracing of some ancient surveys, necessary in order to restore the lost field notes, are duties which have engaged the attention of the surveyor general, and for the execution of which special appropriations had been made. The surveys of the remaining townships in the Choctaw cession are expected to be returned during the ensuing winter, and the surveyor general recommends in his estimate for the half year ending June 30, 1843, the amount of appropriation submitted, which is designed to complete both the necessary retracing of old surveys, and the survey of private claims south of the 31st degree of latitude.

In *Alabama*, the retracing ordered at the close of the year 1841 appears to have been nearly completed and examined at the date of the surveyor's report. The surveys of private claims and of unfinished townships had been completed, so far as contracted for, under the special appropriation made for these objects, and further contracts for the same description of work await further authority of law; and, if granted, there is every reason to expect that the completion of the surveys of the private land claims in this State will take place during the ensuing winter.

The appropriation recommended by the surveyor general for the year 1843-'44 is included in the estimate submitted.

In the *Territory of Florida* the surveying operations have heretofore been retarded by Indian hostilities.

With a view to favor settlements in the peninsula, Congress, as you are aware, passed an act on the 4th. of August last, "to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of East Florida." By this act, on certain conditions as to actual settlement, and under certain restrictions and limitations, a *donation* of one quarter section (160 acres) of land is allowed to each settler. The National Legislature has thus presented to the enterprising and industrious citizen a strong inducement to seek a home in a country represented to be of a good climate and unsurpassed fertility, and affording abundant facilities for obtaining a competency and independence with comparatively little labor.

In the "armed occupation" district of Florida, which is that portion of the peninsula lying *south* of the line dividing townships *nine* and *ten*, instructions have been given for the survey of the *exterior lines* of about one hundred and fifty-one *townships*, the survey of such outlines being essential to ensure the ultimate integrity and continuity of the general body of surveys of the public lands. From among those townships the instructions require the subdivisational survey into sections, &c., to be made of *forty-five* of their number, constituting an aggregate of about a million of acres of land, in detached parcels, at various eligible points, and designed to meet the wishes of those of our citizens who may be desirous of availing themselves of the provisions of the law. Thus the surveys alluded to, after satisfying the maximum of two hundred thousand acres, to be located under the provisions of the armed occupation law, will afford a valuable body of land available for market, embracing some of the most attractive points in that peninsula, to effect the survey of which, and to accomplish further surveys during the fiscal year, the necessary amount has been provided for in the accompanying estimates.

The accompanying diagram (marked H) will prove useful in pointing out the position and extent of the surveys ordered.

In further execution of the beneficent provision of the same law, instructions were issued to the land officers of the St. Augustine and Alachua districts, under date of 25th of August last, accompanied by suitable forms, designed to regulate their conduct in the granting of *permits* to settlers. As the law warrants the making of the new settlements in advance of the extension of the lines of the public surveys, the land officers of the armed occupation district have been instructed to communicate to the surveyor general a copy of the diagram of location which each settler is required to furnish, to enable that officer to issue to his deputies the necessary instructions in regard to them; and have been further instructed that all *private claims* which may have been duly filed before any board of United States commissioners, the boundaries of which are distinctly and fully designated, must be respected, and the *live oak* and *red cedar* timber necessary for naval purposes remain unmolested.

As, in the progress of the surveys in Florida, it may be necessary for this office, or those under its direction, to call on the keepers of the public archives in that Territory for information connected with private land claims, and as those functionaries are not associated by law with any particular department of the Government, the propriety of establishing, by

legislation, a proper relation between them and the department, is respectfully submitted for consideration.

The act of Congress, approved June 12, 1840, "for the discontinuance of the office of surveyor general in the several districts so soon as the surveys therein can be completed," &c., requires that "whenever the surveys and records of any such district or State shall be completed, the surveyor general thereof shall be required to deliver over to the Secretary of State of the respective States including such surveys, or such other officer as may be authorized to receive them, all the field notes, maps, records, &c.; and that the office of surveyor general in any such district shall thereafter cease and be discontinued.

Experience has shown, that long after the closing, or of what is regarded the completion of the surveys in a district, questions arise connected with such surveys, which render further action necessary on the part of the surveyor general—sometimes to correct errors in field operations, to authenticate plats, &c., in reference to private claims as well as public lands; and that until all the lands in a district are disposed of and patented, (including the patenting of private claims,) difficulties arise, which, unless the duties of the surveyor general in such cases were assigned to some other officer, would operate to retard and embarrass the action of the department in furnishing to the parties interested the proper evidence of title. To avoid any such embarrassment, it is respectfully submitted whether the act referred to may not be so modified as to authorize the Executive to discontinue any such office, and to transfer the duties appertaining to the officer for such particular district to some other surveyorship most adjacent, until such time as the demands shall have been fully answered, connected with the sale, disposition, and evidence of title to land in any such district; and in such case the Executive should have discretionary power to remove the location of the surveyor's office for the consolidated district to some more suitable and central position.

Documents I and K present the estimate of appropriations necessary for the surveying department for the half calendar year ending 30th June, 1843, and for the new fiscal year ending 30th June, 1844.

Operations connected with the surveying department in the *Chickasaw cession* of 1832 were terminated in November, 1840, and the office of principal surveyor closed; and transcripts of the field notes have been duly returned to this office, as also certified plats of the surveys of the whole cession. Semi-annual reports are made from this office, from time to time, to the Office of Indian Affairs, (War Department,) showing the extent of sales and progress of business in said cession. A complete compilation, in book form, has also been prepared at this office, and will shortly be despatched to the register of the land office at Pontotoc, more especially for the use of the State of Mississippi in making out her tax list, showing the number of each Indian reservation, name of reservee, tract located, and date of approval. Of the public lands in said cession, there are still unproclaimed two hundred and forty-one thousand one hundred and forty-seven acres. The greater part of these lands is situated *on* and the residue *adjacent* to the boundary line between the Chickasaw and Choctaw cessions. The proclamation for the public sale of them, it appears, has been deferred, with the view to await legislative action in regard to certain sales made in the *Choctaw* country, which, after the definitive establishment of the boundary line between the said cessions, were found to fall within the

Chickasaw cession, and until final action by the War Department in regard to the validity of certain Indian locations, conflicting with the greater portion of said sales. By a communication of the 5th June, 1840, from this office, with accompanying papers, the subject was submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, and on the 6th of the same month was laid before the House of Representatives, with a message from the President of the United States, (Doc. No. 240, Ho. of Reps., 1st sess. 26th Cong.) For a full exhibit of the matter, I refer you to those documents, and respectfully recommend that legislation be had on the subject, in the manner therein proposed.

I discover that of the several thousands of tracts of land which have been sold in the Mineral Point land district, in Wisconsin, only a small portion has yet been patented, in consequence of an apprehended interference with the lead mines.

The act of 3d March, 1807, on this subject, provides that "any grant which may hereafter be made for a tract of land containing a lead mine which had been discovered previous to the purchase of such tract from the United States, shall be considered fraudulent and null." Considerations of public interest required that the action of this office in this direction should be marked with great precaution, and therefore delay was unavoidable; but I have now come to the conclusion to issue patents in those cases where no evidence exists in the *department* that discoveries of lead ore had been made previous to the purchase, and where the sale was in other respects fair and regular. In this connexion, I take occasion to allude to the urgent necessity there exists for the adoption of some plan for the disposal of the lead mines, which, under existing provisions, are leased by the Government. It is known that, to a great extent, lawless and irresponsible persons now congregate upon these premises, and confederate against the beneficent intentions of the Government; and some decisive step should be taken, either to eradicate the evil or remove the temptation to it.

In pursuance of instructions given by you at an early day, I caused to be made out, as speedily as practicable, a statement of the proceeds of the public lands sold in the half year ending June 30, 1842, and a statement of the distributive share thereof accruing to each of the States and Territories, under the provisions of the act of Congress "to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights." Some time after the execution of this work, and after mature consultation, it was deemed necessary, in order to meet the precise provisions of the law, that it should undergo some modification; and it was finally arranged according to the tabular statements (L, M, and N) hereto annexed, and which are introduced into this report, as the subject is so intimately blended with the character and operations of this office. I regret if it has appeared to any, that, in the action of this office touching this matter, there has been any unnecessary delay; but when it is recollected that the distribution to the States and Territories was to be made out of the nett proceeds of the sales of the public lands actually received into the Treasury, and that consequently the accounts of all the offices near and remote must first be settled and passed through the Treasury Department, before the fund for distribution could be ascertained, it will be seen that it was impracticable for the time of disbursement to be made more approximate to that up to which the fund was adjusted.



The act of June 30th, 1834, granting land to certain exiles from Poland, has not, for the same reason set forth by my predecessor in his annual report of last year, been carried into effect, nor can it be made operative without further legislation.

In 1835, pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, two townships of land were surveyed, in the vicinity of Rock river, in the State of Illinois, out of which it was expected the grant designed by our Government for the benefit of those exiles would be selected. Two agents, it seems, were appointed by them for that purpose, but no formal report of their proceedings has ever been made to this office. It appears, however, that one of them presented a list of certain tracts of land selected by him to the surveyor general of Illinois and Missouri, and which was forwarded for official sanction, which, under existing laws, could not be given.

The number of the exiles is two hundred and thirty-five, and the number of sections authorized to be apportioned among them by the act is thirty-six; and hence the apportionment of the land could not, under existing regulations, or by the authority of the special act, be made into aliquot parts. Pending this difficulty, irremediable as it ever has been, and still is, without further and special legislation, some of our own citizens have made settlements in the Rock river country, on some of the same lands thus informally selected for the exiles; and these settlements have been specially legalized by Congress, at their last session, notwithstanding the original act for the benefit of the Polish exiles is at the same time declared to exist in all its original force.

There are provisions of law authorizing the Executive, in cases where the peculiar position of lands bordering on "bayous, lakes, creeks, and watercourses," appears to render expedient a departure from the ordinary mode of surveying into sections of a mile square, to cause the same to be so surveyed as to secure to each tract the advantage of a small water front, extending back for quantity, so as to form eighty and one hundred and sixty acre lots. Such departure from the ordinary mode of surveying is to be found principally in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi. The narrow oblong lots, thus constituted, have generally been surveyed for market in advance of the *regular survey* into sections of the interior portions of the township, and each lot bears its discriminating number in a series, and is called a section; and when the interior portion of land in the same township has been surveyed into regular sections of a mile square, they have been numbered in continuation of the series of the lots having water fronts. The mode of numbering the thirty-six sections composing a regular township, as prescribed by law, is to begin the series at the section in the northeast angle of the township, and proceed from east to west, and from west to east, alternately, until the number is completed. By this proceeding, the section numbered *sixteen*, which is reserved for *purposes of education*, under compact with the States, is made to occupy a central position in the township; whereas, in those townships anomalously surveyed, as aforesaid, the position as well as the contents of the lot numbered *sixteen* must vary in different townships, according to circumstances; and there is no express provision of law regulating this proceeding. Claimants, also, under the laws granting pre-emption rights, as well as others, frequently insist that the tract bearing the number *sixteen*, in these anomalous surveys, is still subject to sale, as other lands. It has been a rule observed at this office, and adopted under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to



treat all such lots as *school lands*, belonging, of right, to the township where in they are located; but it is respectfully suggested that some legislative action upon this subject is desirable, in order to place it beyond the reach of controversy.

I beg leave to invite your attention to the memoranda hereto annexed, (paper marked O,) embracing sundry alterations and amendments deemed desirable in the existing pre-emption laws; one of the most prominent of which is, to have the law so amended as to prevent the fraud now too frequently committed, of persons settling upon public land ostensibly as pre-emptors, and then abandoning it before the expiration of the year, and after they had rendered it comparatively valueless, by every species of depredation. I would also refer particularly, under this head, to the pre-emption cases in the Columbus land district, in the State of Mississippi, now suspended in this office in consequence of alleged frauds. Proof of these frauds has been proffered, by a person who is solicitous to make them appear, and now stands ready to do so, whenever an agent shall be appointed to make the investigation near the respective places, where the witnesses can be had without expense; and who has petitioned that such an appointment be made, if not upon the usual terms, with the understanding that the compensation shall depend upon the usefulness of the investigation, to be subsequently estimated by Congress. An agent for this purpose would have been appointed, and the suspense in these cases probably by this time terminated; but it will be recollected that Congress, by their act of 26th of August last, withdrew from the department the power to make such appointments.

The interest of the Government in the detection of frauds attempted under the pre-emption laws, and the interest of third parties, should the alleged frauds not exist, both imperiously require that there should be some modification of the act referred to, so as to reinstate the power of appointing a special agency in this and analogous cases.

I cannot conclude this report without some allusion to the expected reduction of the clerical force of this office consequent on the decrease of land sales—a subject which a sense of duty has caused me to reflect upon from an early period of my official incumbency, but in reference to which it was deemed better, as far as I could be permitted, to await the lessons of experience, than to hazard any opinion based on a superficial acquaintance with the extended operations of the office. I find that the duties of this branch of the public service are matters of the most extensive detail, under a complicated variety of legislative requirements, replete with heavy responsibility, and that vast considerations, in respect to individual interests, are involved in its daily action. The sales of lands, it is true, have greatly decreased within a comparatively short period, but it is not unreasonable to expect a heavy accession of labor from the public sales about to take place; and, should what seems to be the public expectation be realized, (and it accords with the expectation of this office,) I could desire no speedy reduction of the force now employed. A further consideration, affording subject matter for largely increased operations for several years to come, will be found in the recommendation of my immediate predecessor—to have all the muniments of title on which this Government has based its land patents recorded and transcribed into suitable and enduring volumes. In this recommendation I fully concur, and trust that the favorable report of the Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives, as set forth

in their bill (No. 334) accompanying that document, may be sanctioned by legislation, believing as I do that the work, if accomplished, would be acknowledged and appreciated in all future time as one of vast public importance. It would be carrying out the enlightened views of those legislators who laid the foundation of a land system, peculiar in its structure, beneficent in its operation, and most admirably adapted to the spirit of our Government and the exigencies of our people.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THO. H. BLAKE, *Commissioner.*

Hon. WALTER FORWARD,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

*Exhibit of the quantities of public land (being exclusive of the 16th or school sections) in each State and Territory, proclaimed for sale in the year 1842; the quantities the plats of survey of which have been returned to the General Land Office; the quantities prepared for market not yet advertised; and the probable quantities, estimated from the information contained in the reports of the surveyors general, and from other sources of information, which will be prepared for market in all the year 1843.*

State or Territory.	Quantities proclaimed for sale in 1842.	Quantities the plats of survey of which have been returned to the General Land Office.		Quantities prepared for market, and not yet advertised for sale.	Estimated quantities, the plats of survey of which are expected to be returned to the General Land Office in all the year 1843.	
		Prior to the last annual rep	Since the last annual report.		First 6 months.	Last 6 months.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Ohio - - - - -	-	(a)	-	(a)	-	-
Indiana - - - - -	-	486,623.00	-	486,623.00	-	-
Michigan - - - - -	1,484,872.57	1,257,560.58	227,311.99	-	-	500,000
Illinois - - - - -	1,870,178.83	973,413.06	1,311,790.64	(b) 415,024.87	1,276,000.00	-
Missouri - - - - -	880,261.29	1,323,242.93	1,580,418.15	(c) 2,023,399.79	179,200.00	1,500,000
Wisconsin Territory - - - - -	421,964.49	444,364.49	-	22,400.00	-	672,000
Iowa Territory - - - - -	1,202,199.75	694,229.00	1,219,546.30	(d) 711,575.55	-	-
Arkansas - - - - -	2,438,550.79	956,733.88	1,481,816.91	-	600,000.00	676,800
Louisiana - - - - -	-	762,634.96	644,841.36	1,407,476.32	350,000.00	434,000
Mississippi - - - - -	1,070,163.96	1,821,978.02	300,003.98	(e) 1,051,818.04	186,000.00	150,000
Alabama - - - - -	1,557,359.29	1,581,584.90	-	24,225.61	-	-
Florida Territory - - - - -	-	-	-	-	(f) 300,000.00	(f) 700,000
Total - - - - -	10,925,550.97	10,302,364.82	6,765,729.33	6,142,543.18	2,891,200.00	4,632,800
Ohio, for benefit of the Indians - - - - -	32,981.30	Expected returns in 1843 -	-	7,524,000.00	-	-
	10,958,532.27	For market in 1843 -	-	13,666,543.18	-	-

(a) Late Miami cessions, not yet attached to a land district.

(b) Withheld on account of lead mineral.

(c) Chiefly in the Platte river country, and Lexington district, north of Missouri river. The law for the new district does not take effect until March 1, 1843.

(d) Withheld on account of lead mineral.

(e) Chiefly in the Chocchuma district; withheld, in the expectation of further legislation, to modify the boundaries of certain land districts.

(f) The new surveys ordered under the occupation act.

*Statement of public lands sold; of cash, Treasurer's receipts, Treasury notes, and scrip, received therefor; of incidental expenses thereon; and of payments into the Treasury on account thereof, in the year 1841.*

Land offices.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, Treasurer's receipts, and Treasury notes.			Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Treasury notes.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
OHIO.									
Chillicothe -	15,476.05	\$19,345 15	\$18,398 15	-	-	\$322 00	\$625 00	\$2,533 56	\$16,869 82
Lima -	21,927.14	31,301 95	30,883 95	-	-	318 00	100 00	2,463 53	20,541 74
Bucyrus -	6,210.52	8,942 56	8,774 91	-	-	167 65	-	1,338 00	3,940 57
Marietta -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	224 34
Zanesville -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62 04
Cincinnati -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,814 00
Total for the State -	43,613.71	59,589 66	58,057 01	-	-	807 65	725 00	6,335 09	43,452 51
INDIANA.									
Jeffersonville -	12,058.32	\$15,072 89	\$14,898 14	-	-	\$74 75	\$100 00	\$1,349 98	\$12,516 62
Vincennes -	24,146.06	30,182 42	29,997 62	-	-	84 80	100 00	1,892 11	36,399 69
Indianapolis -	5,045.52	6,367 30	5,645 99	-	-	521 31	200 00	2,738 94	5,317 17
Crawfordsville -	2,926.69	3,658 35	3,658 35	-	-	-	-	1,883 82	9,525 38
Fort Wayne -	11,450.23	14,312 81	14,017 81	-	-	-	295 00	1,795 76	24,383 05
Winamac -	38,256.14	47,831 63	47,731 63	-	-	-	100 00	2,837 36	39,513 91
Total for the State -	93,882.96	117,425 40	115,949 54	-	-	680 86	795 00	12,497 97	127,655 82

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Land offices.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, Treasurer's receipts, and Treasury notes.			Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Treasury notes.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
ILLINOIS.									
Shawneetown -	17,529.16	\$21,911 43	\$20,812 03	-	\$814 44	\$184 96	\$100 00	\$1,590 82	\$23,259 63
Kaskaskia -	28,713.33	36,024 85	35,272 88	-	351 97	-	400 00	1,876 38	35,077 77
Edwardsville -	10,736.64	13,420 77	13,170 77	-	-	-	250 00	1,642 14	14,736 99
Vandalia -	24,674.40	30,830 49	28,330 49	-	-	-	2,500 00	1,870 80	21,600 00
Palestine -	22,189.87	27,737 31	26,799 81	-	-	-	937 50	1,992 42	24,269 13
Springfield -	6,960.66	8,700 81	4,916 23	-	-	-	3,784 58	1,185 96	8,065 00
Danville -	4,419.66	5,627 08	5,577 08	-	-	-	50 00	1,575 66	1,693 98
Quincy -	9,193.58	11,491 98	11,239 48	-	52 50	-	200 00	1,290 70	7,260 62
Dixon -	72,794.21	91,005 36	86,844 32	\$2,400 00	824 38	-	936 66	5,081 29	48,867 68
Chicago -	138,341.49	173,005 22	165,055 85	-	1,802 12	81 92	6,065 33	3,641 45	141,891 40
Total for the State -	335,553.00	419,755 30	398,018 94	2,400 00	3,845 41	266 88	15,224 07	21,747 62	326,722 20
MISSOURI.									
St. Louis -	30,229.18	\$37,786 46	\$37,719 80	-	-	-	\$66 66	\$2,534 74	\$30,781 96
Fayette -	69,740.92	87,176 41	86,792 64	-	-	\$7 94	375 83	3,485 30	98,824 82
Palmyra -	31,633.01	39,541 56	39,029 06	-	-	-	512 50	2,007 12	35,487 13
Jackson -	17,484.77	21,853 39	21,853 39	-	-	-	-	1,783 49	14,273 68
Lexington -	71,619.24	89,530 13	89,530 13	-	-	-	-	3,790 78	89,902 87
Springfield -	48,764.79	60,955 89	60,655 89	-	-	-	300 00	3,440 27	52,813 95
Total for the State -	269,471.91	336,843 84	335,580 91	-	-	7 94	1,254 99	17,041 70	322,084 41



ALABAMA.									
St. Stephen's	3,733.04	\$4,714 23	\$3,988 90	-	\$100 00	\$625 33	-	\$1,149 23	\$3,186 36
Cahaba	22,716.40	29,288 89	28,525 85	-	605 55	157 49	-	1,805 43	40,087 32
Huntsville	2,626.79	3,283 50	3,144 41	-	-	139 09	-	1,094 73	16,725 51
Tuscaloosa	3,163.88	3,955 38	3,955 38	-	-	-	-	1,127 25	2,278 91
Sparta	7,808.29	9,760 37	9,760 37	-	-	-	-	1,291 54	10,646 18
Demopolis	664.97	831 19	831 19	-	-	-	-	1,048 84	-
Montgomery	6,598.88	8,248 60	8,048 18	-	200 42	-	-	1,253 39	11,888 26
Mardisville	3,393.13	4,240 65	4,040 65	-	-	-	\$200 00	1,215 38	5,976 80
Total for the State	50,705.38	64,322 81	62,294 93	-	905 97	921 91	200 00	9,985 79	90,789 34
MISSISSIPPI.									
Washington	2,484.43	\$3,105 49	\$3,081 59	-	-	\$23 90	-	\$1,151 97	\$342 60
Augusta	1,943.58	2,429 51	2,429 51	-	-	-	-	1,072 71	14,059 43
Jaekson	3,002.36	3,752 90	3,752 90	-	-	-	-	956 54	5,710 10
Grenada	3,331.17	4,163 99	4,163 99	-	-	-	-	821 58	3,334 47
Columbus	10,874.31	13,592 92	13,592 92	-	-	-	-	1,631 00	12,042 57
Total for the State	21,635.85	27,044 81	27,020 91	-	-	23 90	-	5,633 80	35,489 17
LOUISIANA.									
New Orleans	8,446.32	\$10,558 83	\$10,258 83	-	-	-	\$300 00	\$1,274 38	\$5,193 08
Opelousas	30,532.83	38,178 52	37,778 52	-	-	-	400 00	1,593 03	18,024 04
Washita	47,152.61	59,340 02	57,569 42	-	\$1,770 60	-	-	2,425 48	45,688 44
Greensburg	No sales.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natchitoches	8,980.19	11,227 68	11,227 68	-	-	-	-	240 27	10,900 00
Total for the State	95,111.95	119,305 05	116,834 45	-	1,770 60	-	700 00	5,533 16	79,805 56
MICHIGAN.									
Detroit	4,122.22	\$5,153 17	\$5,153 17	-	-	-	-	\$1,848 59	\$3,144 22
Kalamazoo	3,684.18	4,605 23	4,605 23	-	-	-	-	1,358 61	3,850 00
Genesee	1,563.59	1,954 48	1,954 48	-	-	-	-	2,814 05	-
Ionia	8,797.60	10,996 99	10,896 99	\$100	-	-	-	1,843 69	8,172 66
Total for the State	18,167.59	22,709 87	22,609 87	100	-	-	-	7,864 94	15,166 88

## STATEMENT A—Continued.

Land offices.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, Treasurer's receipts, and Treasury notes			Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Treasury notes.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
ARKANSAS.									
Batesville -	5,333.51	\$6,666 88	\$6,666 88	-	-	-	-	\$1,412 98	\$14,517 22
Little Rock -	13,057.32	16,572 49	16,572 49	-	-	-	-	1,783 44	14,739 17
Washington -	7,445.85	9,307 35	9,307 35	-	-	-	-	1,562 51	22,068 95
Fayetteville -	7,248.99	9,061 23	9,061 23	-	-	-	-	2,154 89	25,200 00
Helena -	5,884.19	7,360 23	6,693 95	-	\$666 28	-	-	1,136 51	7,966 28
Johnson C. H. -	15,890.89	19,863 60	19,863 60	-	-	-	-	1,798 27	22,560 10
Total for the State -	54,860.75	68,831 78	68,165 50	-	666 28	-	-	9,848 60	107,051 72
WISCONSIN TER.									
Muskoday -	13,987.82	\$17,484 90	\$16,927 18	-	\$257 72	-	\$300 00	\$1,684 50	\$18,868 05
Green Bay -	5,364.50	6,705 63	6,705 63	-	-	-	-	1,585 84	4,415 80
Milwaukie -	82,378.85	103,255 78	101,280 55	-	1,975 23	-	-	3,315 51	101,175 88
Total for the Ter. -	101,731.17	127,446 31	124,913 36	-	2,232 95	-	300 00	6,585 85	124,459 73
IOWA TERRITORY.									
Dubuque -	34,805.19	\$43,518 46	\$42,130 46	-	\$50 50	-	\$1,337 50	\$2,814 92	\$30,169 25
Burlington -	38,867.98	48,584 93	44,752 35	-	1,232 58	-	2,600 00	2,352 72	51,831 50
Total for the Ter. -	73,673.17	92,103 39	86,882 81	-	1,283 08	-	3,937 50	5,167 64	88,000 75

FLORIDA TERRITORY.										
Tallahassee -	-	4,703.47	\$5,879 33	\$4,617 54	-	\$1,261 79	-	-	\$1,179 88	\$7,001 70
St. Augustine -	-	1,685.20	2,106 51	2,106 51	-	-	-	-	1,000 03	1,410 25
Total for the Ter.	-	6,388.67	7,985 84	6,724 05	-	1,261 79	-	-	2,179 91	8,411 95

Amount paid by Augustus Jones, late marshal for Missouri	-	\$163 24
Amount paid by Alexander Stewart	- - -	134 14
Amount paid by Alexander McDonald	- - -	150 00
Amount paid by William Selden, Treasurer of the United States	-	2,090 00
		<u>2,537 38</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Ohio -	-	43,613.71	\$59,589 66	\$58,057 01	-	-	\$807 65	\$725 00	\$6,335 09	\$43,452 51
Indiana -	-	93,882.96	117,425 40	115,949 54	-	-	680 86	795 00	12,497 97	127,655 82
Illinois -	-	335,553.00	419,755 30	398,018 94	\$2,400 00	\$3,845 41	266 88	15,224 07	21,747 62	326,722 20
Missouri -	-	269,471.91	336,843 84	335,580 91	-	-	7 94	1,254 99	17,041 70	322,084 41
Alabama -	-	50,705.38	64,322 81	62,294 93	-	965 97	921 91	200 00	9,985 79	90,789 34
Mississippi -	-	21,635.85	27,044 81	27,020 91	-	-	23 90	-	5,633 80	35,489 17
Louisiana -	-	95,111.95	119,305 05	116,834 45	-	1,770 60	-	700 00	5,533 16	79,805 56
Michigan -	-	18,167.59	22,709 87	22,609 87	100 00	-	-	-	7,864 94	15,166 88
Arkansas -	-	54,860.75	68,831 78	68,165 50	-	666 28	-	-	9,848 60	107,051 72
Wisconsin -	-	101,731.17	127,446 31	124,913 36	-	2,232 95	-	300 00	6,585 85	124,549 73
Iowa -	-	73,673.17	92,103 39	86,882 81	-	1,283 08	-	3,937 50	5,167 64	82,000 75
Florida -	-	6,388.67	7,985 84	6,724 05	-	1,261 79	-	-	2,179 91	8,411 95
Grand total	-	1,164,796.11	1,463,364 06	1,423,052 28	2,500 00	11,966 08	2,709 14	23,136 56	110,422 07	1,363,090 04

Amount paid by the Treasurer of the United States and others, as above stated - - 2,537 38

1,365,627 42

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1842.

## B.

*Statement of public lands sold; of cash, Treasurer's receipts, Treasury notes, and scrip, received therefor; of incidental expenses thereon; and of payments into the Treasury on account thereof, in the first, second, and third quarters of the year 1842.*

Land offices.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, Treasurer's receipts, and Treasury notes.			Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Treasury notes.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
<b>OHIO.</b>									
Chillicothe -	7,954.65	\$9,943 40	\$9,653 20	-	-	\$90 20	\$200 00	\$4,065 02	\$8,713 07
Lima -	14,842.36	21,359 88	18,026 99	\$2,600 00	\$665 22	67 67	-	1,486 69	19,198 10
Bucyrus -	363.02	453 77	453 77	-	-	-	-	537 13	5,037 18
Total for the State -	23,160.03	31,757 05	28,133 96	2,600 00	665 22	157 87	200 00	6,088 84	32,948 35
<b>INDIANA.</b>									
Jeffersonville -	5,753.10	\$7,191 37	\$7,191 37	-	-	-	-	\$1,118 54	\$5,472 49
Vincennes -	11,285.80	14,107 24	13,968 28	-	-	-	\$138 96	1,797 29	15,388 00
Indianapolis -	604.28	755 35	755 35	-	-	-	-	924 82	54 00
Crawfordsville -	1,228.34	1,535 42	1,535 42	-	-	-	-	795 36	1,779 99
Fort Wayne -	2,607.11	3,258 89	3,129 61	-	\$129 28	-	-	808 52	1,142 73
Winamac -	19,548.08	24,439 10	23,806 85	-	607 25	-	25 00	1,573 62	26,492 26
Total for the State -	41,026.71	51,287 37	50,386 88	-	736 53	-	163 96	7,018 15	50,329 47
<b>ILLINOIS.</b>									
Shawneetown -	9,663.21	\$12,079 15	\$11,779 15	-	-	-	\$300 00	\$1,141 91	\$6,104 30
Kaskaskia -	16,497.58	20,635 58	19,594 71	-	\$309 65	\$531 22	200 00	1,295 99	21,954 95

Edwardsville	5,394.06	6,742 53	6,742 56	-	-	-	-	1,050 34	8,481 50
Vandalia	10,149.00	12,686 25	12,286 25	-	-	-	400 00	1,115 60	15,895 60
Palestine	5,450.83	6,813 53	6,813 53	-	-	-	-	1,191 06	10,080 96
Springfield	3,031.91	3,789 88	2,464 88	-	-	-	1,325 60	1,121 24	1,443 26
Danville	1,884.30	2,355 38	2,055 38	-	-	-	300 00	855 62	2,150 00
Quincy	4,861.08	6,076 75	5,348 63	\$150 00	-	-	578 12	1,042 49	6,538 08
Dixon	163,346.73	204,183 58	163,048 51	963 00	38,872 07	-	1,300 00	7,035 27	217,771 12
Chicago	166,136.01	207,684 09	191,123 16	940 00	12,844 33	-	2,776 60	6,498 73	* 198,794 97

Total for the State	386,414.71	483,046 75	421,256 76	2,953 00	52,026 05	531 22	7,179 72	22,348 25	489,214 74
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## MISSOURI.

St. Louis	19,246.87	\$24,066 62	\$23,724 15	-	-	-	\$342 47	\$1,290 67	\$22,720 59
Fayette	No sales.	-	-	-	-	-	-	426 77	2,456 95
Palmyra	12,999.52	16,218 18	16,018 18	-	-	-	200 00	1,364 50	21,671 67
Jackson	11,179.15	13,973 25	13,973 25	-	-	-	-	1,081 47	16,186 82
Lexington	44,292.10	55,365 12	55,302 31	-	\$50 31	-	\$12 50	2,628 81	74,881 94
Springfield	21,340.54	26,675 64	26,475 64	\$200 00	-	-	-	603 50	47,951 83

Total for the State	109,058.18	136,298 81	135,493 53	200 00	50 31	-	554 97	7,395 72	185,869 80
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## ALABAMA.

St. Stephen's	950.85	\$1,188 58	\$1,050 38	-	\$50 00	\$88 20	-	\$964 92	\$1,453 01
Cahaba	4,409.83	5,512 30	5,412 30	-	50 00	-	\$50 00	1,158 18	6,624 23
Huntsville	6,800.40	8,500 53	8,373 20	-	-	127 33	-	884 29	4,842 90
Tuscaloosa	3,580.56	4,475 81	4,171 85	-	303 96	-	-	1,046 39	2,080 96
Sparta	3,584.27	4,480 27	4,480 27	-	-	-	-	1,055 85	2,770 60
Demopolis	1,772.85	2,216 04	2,216 04	-	-	-	-	885 26	-
Montgomery	4,682.34	5,852 85	5,802 47	-	50 38	-	-	1,127 82	8,828 00
Lebanon, (late Mar- disville)	48,143.09	60,178 92	57,969 22	-	2,109 70	-	100 00	1,968 62	14,724 48
Total for the State	73,924.19	92,405 30	89,475 73	-	2,564 04	215 53	150 00	9,091 33	41,324 23

\* This amount includes \$1,326 received of M. Birchard for lands sold at Fort Dearborn.



# STATEMENT B—Continued.

Land offices.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, Treasurer's receipts, and Treasury notes.			Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Treasury notes.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
<b>MISSISSIPPI.</b>									
Washington	636.74	\$795 93	\$795 93	-	-	-	-	\$750 42	\$1,050 00
Augusta	729.91	912 38	912 38	-	-	-	-	147 47	2,834 00
Jackson	253.17	316 46	316 46	-	-	-	-	801 08	8,178 36
Grenada	9,209.64	11,512 16	11,512 16	-	-	-	-	905 97	7,038 58
Columbus	16,320.22	20,400 34	20,400 34	-	-	-	-	1,397 89	19,200 22
Total for the State	27,149.68	33,937 27	33,937 27	-	-	-	-	4,002 83	38,301 16
<b>LOUISIANA.</b>									
New Orleans	6,579.89	\$8,225 48	\$8,225 48	-	-	-	-	\$1,096 75	\$5,200 00
Opelousas	7,546.57	9,433 22	8,208 69	-	\$1,224 53	-	-	1,066 28	13,503 01
Washita	19,355.29	24,328 72	16,979 03	-	7,349 69	-	-	2,282 47	55,886 46
Greensburg	No sales.								
Natchitoches	No sales.								
Total for the State	33,481.75	41,987 42	33,413 20	-	8,574 22	-	-	4,445 50	74,589 47
<b>MICHIGAN.</b>									
Detroit	2,002.83	\$2,503 54	\$2,503 54	-	-	-	-	\$877 14	\$1,794 92
Kalamazoo	8,226.55	10,302 13	10,150 55	-	\$151 58	-	-	993 21	7,487 14
Genesee	1,200.00	1,500 00	1,344 00	-	156 00	-	-	1,074 30	6,119 91
Ionia	5,542.06	6,927 57	6,927 57	-	-	-	-	1,099 22	4,520 00
Total for the State	16,971.44	21,233 24	20,925 66	-	307 58	-	-	4,043 87	19,921 97

<b>ARKANSAS.</b>									
Batesville -	2,020.19	\$2,525 24	\$2,525 24	-	-	-	-	\$708 65	\$1,132 77
Little Rock -	2,157.60	2,697 00	2,697 00	-	-	-	-	799 48	3,373 76
Washington -	4,719.52	5,899 40	5,899 40	-	-	-	-	864 24	4,800 72
Fayetteville -	600.33	750 40	750 40	-	-	-	-	445 27	22 50
Helena -	2,901.42	3,639 30	3,537 97	-	\$101 33	-	-	1,369 54	3,671 33
Johnson C. H. -	6,053.84	7,567 29	7,262 11	-	305 18	-	-	888 64	2,305 18
Total for the State -	18,452.90	23,078 63	22,672 12	-	406 51	-	-	5,075 82	15,306 26
<b>WISCONSIN TER.</b>									
Muskoday -	5,544.63	\$6,930 78	\$6,639 61	-	\$291 17	-	-	\$591 26	\$3,086 84
Green Bay -	3,008.70	3,760 92	3,760 92	-	-	-	-	986 74	1,093 19
Milwaukee -	80,375.78	103,063 69	99,452 39	-	3,611 30	-	-	3,136 23	88,412 47
Total for the Ter. -	88,929.11	113,755 39	109,852 92	-	3,902 47	-	-	4,714 23	92,592 50
<b>IOWA TER.</b>									
Dubuque -	*16,105.37	\$20,131 71	\$17,037 48	-	\$2,662 98	-	\$431 25	\$774 87	\$10,652 98
Fairfield, (late Burlington) -	21,170.09	26,462 60	24,820 07	\$800 00	517 53	-	325 00	1,424 37	37,286 86
Total for the Ter. -	37,275.46	46,594 31	41,857 55	800 00	3,180 51	-	756 25	2,199 24	47,939 84
<b>FLORIDA TER.</b>									
Tallahassee -	3,186.92	\$3,984 88	\$2,262 86	-	\$1,622 02	-	\$100 00	\$1,085 57	\$2,609 09
St. Augustine -	No sales.	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 71	138 31
Total for the Ter. -	3,186.92	3,984 88	2,262 86	-	1,622 02	-	100 00	1,111 28	2,747 40
<p>Paid by Samuel Stokeley, late receiver at Steubenville, Ohio - - - - 147 00</p> <p>Paid by John Sloan, late receiver at Wooster, Ohio - - - - 406 76</p> <p>553 76</p>									

\*The receiver's office was without incumbent from the 18th June to the 9th of September, 1842. No return for the month of September received, owing to the sickness of the register.

## STATEMENT B—Continued.

States and Territories.	Lands sold, after deducting erroneous entries.		Amount received in cash, Treasurer's receipts, and Treasury notes.			Amount received in forfeited land stock and military scrip.		Amount of incidental expenses.	Amount paid into the Treasury during the three quarters of the year.
	Acres.	Purchase money.	Cash.	Treasurer's receipts.	Treasury notes.	Forfeited land stock.	Military land scrip.		
RECAPITULATION.									
Ohio - - -	23,160.03	\$31,757 05	\$28,133 96	\$2,600 00	\$665 22	\$157 87	\$200 00	\$6,088 84	*\$33,502 11
Indiana - - -	41,026.71	51,287 37	50,386 88	-	736 53	-	163 96	7,018 15	50,329 47
Illinois - - -	386,414.71	483,046 75	421,256 76	2,053 00	52,026 05	531 22	7,179 72	22,348 25	489,214 74
Missouri - - -	109,058.18	136,298 81	135,493 53	200 00	50 31	-	554 97	7,395 72	185,869 80
Alabama - - -	73,924.19	92,405 30	89,475 73	-	2,564 04	215 53	150 00	9,091 33	41,324 23
Mississippi - - -	27,149.68	33,937 27	33,937 27	-	-	-	-	4,002 83	38,301 16
Louisiana - - -	33,481.75	41,987 42	33,413 20	-	8,574 22	-	-	4,445 50	74,589 47
Michigan - - -	16,971.44	21,233 24	20,925 66	-	307 58	-	-	4,043 87	19,921 97
Arkansas - - -	18,452.90	23,078 63	22,672 12	-	406 51	-	-	5,075 82	15,306 26
Wisconsin Territory - - -	88,929.11	113,755 39	109,852 92	-	3,902 47	-	-	4,714 23	92,592 50
Iowa Territory - - -	37,275.46	46,594 31	41,857 55	800 00	3,180 51	-	756 25	2,199 24	47,939 84
Florida Territory - - -	3,186.92	3,984 88	2,262 86	-	1,622 02	-	100 00	1,111 28	2,747 40
Grand total -	859,031.08	1,079,366 42	989,668 44	5,653 00	74,035 46	904 62	9,104 90	77,535 06	1,091,638 95

\* This amount includes \$553 76 paid by the above-mentioned receivers.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1842.

*Exhibit of the amount of purchase money (including erroneous entries) received for lands sold at the United States land offices, monthly, from the 1st of January to the 30th September, 1842, inclusive.*

Land offices.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
<b>OHIO.</b>									
Chillicothe -	\$2,137 61	\$2,162 69	\$1,114 60	\$373 71	\$972 66	\$1,042 57	\$750 07	\$901 46	\$638 03
Lima -	1,600 25	707 55	744 53	453 90	906 16	1,016 60	354 00	11,945 95	10,475 88
Bucyrus -	299 85	103 92	50 00	Office discontinued.					
Total for the State -	4,037 71	2,974 16	1,909 13	827 61	1,878 82	2,059 17	1,104 07	12,847 41	11,113 91
<b>INDIANA.</b>									
Jeffersonville -	\$1,401 90	\$698 01	\$550 00	\$1,951 19	\$649 40	\$978 14	\$294 90	\$314 65	\$453 19
Vincennes -	1,636 31	899 50	2,555 06	1,782 89	1,057 90	1,658 86	1,353 00	2,250 31	1,163 55
Indianapolis -	No sales.	81 05	No sales.	250 00	75 21	100 00	100 00	50 00	99 09
Crawfordsville -	390 05	111 35	153 54	202 39	326 12	201 97	No sales.	No sales.	250 00
Fort Wayne -	317 85	250 00	200 00	500 00	450 00	850 00	350 00	100 00	241 04
Winamac -	1,282 23	950 12	1,525 21	1,718 69	3,757 66	11,208 00	2,251 41	2,246 76	2,120 99
Total for the State -	5,028 34	2,990 03	4,983 81	6,405 16	6,316 29	14,996 97	4,349 31	4,961 72	4,327 86
<b>ILLINOIS.</b>									
Shawneetown -	\$1,691 75	\$1,211 30	\$750 00	No sales.	No sales.	\$5,179 02	\$1,131 39	\$1,351 25	\$1,051 44
Kaskaskia -	2,127 49	2,080 63	2,249 51	\$1,287 96	\$1,983 15	4,881 24	2,064 83	2,114 72	2,143 45
Edwardsville -	1,264 25	902 41	640 98	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	1,651 99	2,168 79	550 00
Vandalia -	No sales.	2,498 90	1,242 53	997 79	1,698 89	2,162 16	947 57	1,248 17	2,140 24
Palestine -	1,369 76	1,056 45	499 50	720 81	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	2,516 70	650 31
Springfield -	1,516 80	192 81	203 50	No sales.	No sales.	786 90	449 41	500 00	1,037 96

# EXHIBIT C—Continued.

Land offices.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
<b>ILLINOIS—cont'd.</b>									
Danville -	\$252 34	\$524 28	\$400 00	\$100 00	\$149 34	\$250 00	\$300 00	\$179 43	\$450 00
Quincy -	892 60	315 89	305 66	970 41	397 95	1,526 30	471 81	896 51	1,189 17
Dixon -	16,320 08	11,660 19	6,484 02	3,274 05	42,522 25	106,383 27	No sales.	No sales.	21,877 27
Chicago -	4,525 36	11,147 02	4,996 40	8,622 62	53,267 68	93,579 67	17,939 13	3,859 37	12,089 36
Total for the State -	29,960 43	31,589 88	17,772 10	15,973 64	100,019 26	214,748 56	24,956 13	14,834 94	43,179 20
<b>MISSOURI.</b>									
St. Louis -	\$5,562 10	\$4,616 08	\$3,548 22	\$1,396 29	\$1,581 63	\$3,757 62	\$1,809 65	\$1,644 99	\$600 00
Fayette -	No sales.	Receiver's office vacant.							
Palmyra -	2,852 52	2,303 64	939 06	1,493 58	4,089 24	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	5,340 94
Jackson -	2,644 32	2,718 05	605 92	1,184 85	1,751 84	1,564 10	630 01	1,347 60	1,687 31
Lexington -	13,778 88	7,406 09	7,172 45	4,822 98	4,760 62	7,418 14	3,951 79	3,783 26	2,336 75
Springfield -	6,770 03	6,180 35	2,534 40	2,467 10	5,675 18	3,153 00	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.
Total for the State -	31,607 85	23,124 21	14,800 05	11,363 80	17,858 51	15,892 86	6,391 45	6,775 85	9,965 00
<b>ALABAMA.</b>									
St. Stephen's -	\$696 03	\$287 70	No sales.	\$232 95	\$757 75	\$100 03	\$151 05	No sales.	\$547 09
Cahaba -	1,451 31	1,075 37	\$703 58	251 65	353 82	800 57	241 71	\$238 16	455 73
Huntsville -	250 65	236 58	149 14	2,574 68	3,603 66	735 21	300 03	302 99	397 59
Tuscaloosa -	912 02	649 34	954 10	299 81	300 24	456 10	200 44	401 25	402 75
Sparta -	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	1,504 89	99 85	860 58	1,392 17	252 42	370 37
Demopolis -	353 06	50 37	69 17	No sales.	241 00	1,048 94	No sales.	703 92	45 75
Montgomery -	1,055 05	550 49	651 53	551 89	751 89	1,254 48	401 34	298 78	498 36
Lebanon, (late Mar- disville) -	562 68	140 73	200 47	7,550 37	22,715 13	14,478 43	No sales.	7,425 80	7,105 31
Total for the State -	5,280 80	2,990 58	2,727 99	12,966 24	28,823 34	19,734 34	2,686 74	9,623 32	9,622 95



MISSISSIPPI.									
Washington	\$398 87	\$100 00	\$98 90	No sales.	No sales.	\$147 74	No sales.	No sales.	\$50 42
Augusta	214 26	No sales.	100 47	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	811 91
Jackson	366 36	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.
Grenada	597 52	No sales.	399 39	\$601 00	\$8,398 10	1,866 67	No sales.	No sales.	387 70
Columbus	3,266 39	2,096 50	403 50	1,148 59	7,187 25	6,747 93	\$396 61	\$402 58	391 17
Total for the State	4,843 40	2,196 50	1,002 26	1,749 59	15,585 35	8,762 34	396 61	402 58	1,641 20
LOUISIANA.									
New Orleans	\$2,608 48	\$1,790 86	\$2,936 66	\$1,113 23	\$728 32	\$1,571 94	\$205 50	No sales.	No sales.
Opelousas	4,953 46	2,065 76	2,735 50	201 43	373 42	275 13	111 41	\$300 11	\$151 89
Washita	8,578 35	3,756 90	5,385 95	936 15	721 30	1,819 40	2,777 74	789 77	961 17
Greensburg	No sales since 1837.								
Natchitoches	No sales.	Receiver's office vacant.							
Total for the State	16,140 29	7,613 52	11,058 11	2,250 81	1,823 04	3,666 47	3,094 65	1,089 88	1,113 06
MICHIGAN.									
Detroit	\$400 00	No sales.	\$150 00	\$154 45	\$200 00	\$350 00	\$700 00	\$349 09	\$200 00
Kalamazoo	350 00	\$680 44	150 00	956 48	1,295 59	6,568 87	250 00	200 00	50 00
Genesee	50 00	50 00	100 00	No sales.	200 00	400 00	200 00	400 00	100 00
Ionia	645 63	288 10	50 00	No sales.	975 12	1,580 00	238 72	2,350 00	900 00
Total for the State	1,445 63	1,018 54	450 00	1,110 93	2,670 71	8,898 87	1,388 72	3,299 09	1,250 00
ARKANSAS.									
Batesville	\$500 00	\$400 92	\$464 17	No sales.	\$223 05	\$487 08	\$250 00	\$50 00	\$200 00
Little Rock	569 85	400 00	50 00	\$550 00	298 20	No sales.	No sales.	391 10	487 75
Washington	832 88	416 72	1,031 74	229 05	650 00	1,032 10	457 46	749 45	500 00
Fayetteville	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	No sales.	750 40
Helena	171 00	279 21	No sales.	870 74	465 54	2,411 27	No sales.	105 69	No sales.
Johnson C. H.	1,553 05	1,983 51	100 00	504 42	450 00	1,744 22	250 00	332 08	600 00
Total for the State	3,626 78	3,480 36	1,645 91	2,154 21	2,086 79	5,674 67	957 46	1,628 32	2,538 15

## EXHIBIT C—Continued.

Land offices.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
<b>WISCONSIN TER.</b>									
Muskoday -	\$600 00	\$440 61	\$1,313 67	\$220 12	\$650 32	\$1,501 30	\$917 25	\$1,500 00	No sales.
Green Bay -	300 00	48 31	No sales.	No sales.	252 77	360 04	771 21	642 66	\$1,431 49
Milwaukie -	4,665 80	4,001 92	3,164 17	3,715 40	10,018 57	19,466 95	18,204 90	17,163 23	23,375 95
Total for the Territory	5,565 80	4,490 84	4,477 84	3,935 52	10,921 66	21,328 29	19,893 36	19,305 89	24,807 44
<b>IOWA TERRITORY.</b>									
Dubuque -	\$1,730 12	\$2,472 46	\$2,406 92	\$2,511 37	No sales.	\$11,410 84	No sales.	No sales.	*
Fairfield, (late Burlington) -	3,622 17	1,538 15	1,525 01	2,656 27	\$5,023 96	5,462 63	\$3,597 57	\$700 05	\$2,436 79
Total for the Territory	5,352 29	4,010 61	3,931 93	5,167 64	5,023 96	16,873 47	3,597 57	700 05	2,436 79
<b>FLORIDA TERRITORY.</b>									
Tallahassee -	\$1,351 60	\$701 21	\$450 91	\$454 07	\$601 20	\$249 72	\$150 11	\$354 43	\$252 18
St. Augustine -	No sales.	Register's office vacant.							
Total for the Territory	1,351 60	701 21	450 91	454 07	601 20	249 72	150 11	354 43	252 18

\* The receiver's office was without incumbent from the 18th of June to the 9th September, 1842. No return for the month of September received, owing to the sickness of the register.

## EXHIBIT C—Continued.

## RECAPITULATION.

Land offices.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Ohio - -	\$4,037 71	\$2,974 16	\$1,909 13	\$827 61	\$1,878 82	\$2,059 17	\$1,104 07	\$12,847 41	\$11,113 91
Indiana - -	5,028 34	2,990 03	4,983 81	6,405 16	6,316 29	14,996 97	4,349 31	4,961 72	4,327 86
Illinois - -	29,960 43	31,589 88	17,772 10	15,973 64	100,019 26	214,748 56	24,956 13	14,834 94	43,179 20
Missouri - -	31,607 85	23,124 21	14,800 05	11,363 80	17,858 51	15,892 86	6,391 45	6,775 85	9,965 00
Alabama - -	5,280 80	2,990 58	2,727 99	12,966 24	28,823 34	19,734 34	2,686 74	9,623 32	9,622 95
Mississippi - -	4,843 40	2,196 50	1,002 26	1,749 59	15,585 35	8,762 34	396 61	402 58	1,641 20
Louisiana - -	16,140 29	7,613 52	11,058 11	2,250 81	1,823 04	3,666 47	3,094 65	1,089 88	1,113 06
Michigan - -	1,445 63	1,018 54	450 00	1,110 93	2,670 71	8,898 87	1,388 72	3,299 09	1,250 00
Arkansas - -	3,626 78	3,480 36	1,645 91	2,154 21	2,086 79	5,674 67	957 46	1,628 32	2,538 15
Wisconsin - -	5,565 80	4,490 84	4,477 84	3,935 52	10,921 66	21,328 29	19,893 36	19,305 89	24,807 44
Iowa - -	5,352 29	4,010 61	3,931 93	5,167 64	5,023 96	16,873 47	3,597 57	700 05	2,436 79
Florida - -	1,351 60	701 21	450 91	454 07	601 20	249 72	150 11	354 43	252 18
Grand total -	114,240 92	87,180 44	65,210 04	64,359 22	193,608 93	332,985 73	68,966 18	75,823 48	112,247 74

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1842.

## D.

*Exhibit of the periods to which the monthly accounts of the registers and receivers of the public land offices have been rendered, showing the balance of cash in the receivers' hands at the date of their last monthly accounts current, and the periods to which the receivers' quarterly accounts have been rendered.*

Land offices.	State or Territory.	Monthly returns.		Admitted balance of cash in hands of receivers, per last monthly accounts current.	Periods to which the receivers' quarterly accounts have been rendered.
		Period to which rendered by registers.	Period to which rendered by receivers.		
Chillicothe	Ohio	October 31, 1842	October 31, 1842	\$1,649 37	September 30, 1842.
Lima	Do	Do	Do	23,459 07	Do.
Jeffersonville	Indiana	Do	Do	4,108 18	Do.
Vincennes	Do	Do	Do	2,822 70	Do.
Indianapolis	Do	Do	Do	801 58	Do.
Crawfordsville	Do	Do	Do	468 21	Do.
Fort Wayne	Do	Do	Do	7,731 41	Do.
Winamac	Do	Do	Do	8,806 32	Do.
Shawneetown	Illinois	Do	Do	2,763 22	Do.
Kaskaskia	Do	Do	Do	4,876 27	Do.
Edwardsville	Do	Do	Do	2,003 86	Do.
Vandalia	Do	Do	Do	4,828 20	Do.
Palestine	Do	Do	Do	360 63	Do.
Springfield	Do	Do	Do	1,736 94	Do.
Danville	Do	Do	Do	1,642 34	Do.
Quincy	Do	Do	Do	1,534 38	Do.
Dixon	Do	Do	Do	10,341 53	Do.
Chicago	Do	September 30, 1842	September 30, 1842	23,951 43	Do.
St. Louis	Missouri	October 31, 1842	October 31, 1842	1,846 78	Do.
Fayette	Do	Do	Do	18,891 92	Do.
Palmyra	Do	Do	Do	7,782 20	Do.
Jackson	Do	Do	Do	4,678 00	Do.
Lexington	Do	Do	Do	11,268 91	Do.
Springfield	Do	Do	Do	1,931 82	Do.

St. Stephen's	-	Alabama	-	Do	-	712 99	Do.
Cahaba	-	Do	-	Do	-	679 65	Do.
Huntsville	-	Do	-	Do	-	2,517 16	Do.
Tuscaloosa	-	Do	-	Do	-	1,927 49	Do.
Sparta	-	Do	-	Do	-	4,216 50	Do.
Demopolis	-	Do	-	Do	-	2,334 24	Do.
Montgomery	-	Do	-	Do	-	1,972 20	Do.
Lebanon, (late Mardisville)	-	Do	-	Do	-	10,676 16	Do.
Washington	-	Mississippi	-	Do	-	557 93	Do.
Augusta	-	Do	-	Do	-	587 53	Do.
Jackson	-	Do	-	Do	-	150 77	Do.
Grenada	-	Do	-	September 30, 1842	September 30, 1842	9,960 52	Do.
Columbus	-	Do	-	October 31, 1842	October 31, 1842	7,171 98	Do.
New Orleans	-	Louisiana	-	Do	Do	40 32	Do.
Opelousas	-	Do	-	Do	September 30, 1842	3,659 31	Do.
Washita	-	Do	-	Do	October 31, 1842	9,366 58	Do.
Greensburg	-	Do	-	No sales since 1837.			
Natchitoches	-	Do	-	October 31, 1842	Do	1,097 52	March 31, 1841.
Detroit	-	Michigan	-	Do	Do	1,206 73	September 30, 1842.
Kalamazoo	-	Do	-	Do	Do	1,317 05	Do.
Genesee	-	Do	-	September 30, 1842	September 30, 1842	1,993 14	Do.
Ionia	-	Do	-	October 31, 1842	October 31, 1842	7,242 09	Do.
Batesville	-	Arkansas	-	September 30, 1842	September 30, 1842	2,269 56	Do.
Little Rock	-	Do	-	Do	October 31, 1842	427 56	Do.
Washington	-	Do	-	Do	September 30, 1842	4,015 40	Do.
Fayetteville	-	Do	-	Do	Do	761 40	Do.
Helena	-	Do	-	August 31, 1842	Do	3,097 56	Do.
Johnson C. H.	-	Do	-	September 30, 1842	August 31, 1842	6,296 02	Do.
Muskoday	-	Wisconsin	-	August 31, 1842	September 30, 1842	3,935 08	Do.
Green Bay	-	Do	-	September 30, 1842	Do	4,330 23	Do.
Milwaukie	-	Do	-	Do	Do	31,464 50	Do.
Dubuque	-	Iowa	-	Do	Do	19,863 73	Do.
Fairfield, (late Burlington)	-	Do	-	October 31, 1842	October 31, 1842	6,680 33	Do.
Tallahassee	-	Florida	-	Do	Do	1,372 19	Do.
St. Augustine	-	Do	-	September 30, 1842	September 30, 1842	12 24	June 30, 1842.

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*Exhibit in relation to the progress made in registering the sales of the public lands for each land district, and in the adjustment of the accounts of the receivers of public moneys, from the 1st of November, 1841, to the 1st of November, 1842.*

Land offices.	Date of receivers' last accounts, adjusted up to the 1st November, 1841.	Date of receivers' last accounts, adjusted up to the 1st November, 1842.	No. of receivers' accounts adjusted from 1st Nov., 1841, to 1st Nov., 1842.	No. of receivers' accounts received, and to be adjusted.	Date and highest No. of certificates of purchase registered on the 1st November, 1841.	Date and highest No. of certificates of purchase registered on the 1st November, 1842.	No. of certificates of purchase registered from 1st November, 1841, to 1st Nov., 1842.	Period to which the monthly returns have been rendered, including certificates of purchase.	Highest No. of certificates of purchase received.	No. of certificates of purchase received, and to be registered.
					Date.	No.	Date.	No.		
OHIO.										
Marietta -	Dec. 31, 1840	Dec. 10, 1841	1	-	Oct. 5, 1840	6,489	Oct. 5, 1840	6,489	-	Oct. 5, 1840 6,489
Zanesville -	March 9, 1841	Do.	1	-	Aug. 8, 1840	13,407	Aug. 8, 1840	13,407	-	Aug. 8, 1840 13,407
Steubenville -	Sept. 8, 1840	Dec. 15, 1841	1	-	Dec. 4, 1839	3,787	Dec. 4, 1839	3,787	-	Dec. 4, 1839 3,787
Chillicothe -	June 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	11	2	Dec. 30, 1839	11,871	Sept. 30, 1842	12,545	674	Sept. 30, 1842 12,545
Cincinnati -	Sept. 30, 1839	Dec. 31, 1840	5	1	Sept. 30, 1839	8,222	Aug. 1, 1840	8,240	18	Aug. 31, 1840 8,240
Wooster -	Sept. 18, 1840	Sept. 18, 1840	-	-	July 10, 1840	3,570	July 10, 1840	3,570	-	July 10, 1840 3,570
Lima -	June 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	4	1	Mar. 31, 1841	11,918	Sept. 26, 1842	12,413	495	Sept. 30, 1842 12,413
Bucyrus -	Do.	June 8, 1842	4	-	Oct. 23, 1839	17,874	Mar. 22, 1842	18,029	155	Mar. 31, 1842 18,029
Total -	-	-	27	4	-	77,138	-	78,480	1,342	- 78,480
INDIANA.										
Jeffersonville -	Aug. 16, 1841	June 30, 1842	7	1	Dec. 1, 1840	18,674	May 31, 1842	18,984	310	Sept. 30, 1842 19,014
Vincennes -	June 30, 1841	Do.	4	1	Sept. 30, 1841	31,103	July 31, 1842	31,368	265	Do. 31,418
Indianapolis -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Mar. 31, 1841	31,082	Do.	31,149	67	Do. 31,152

Crawfordsville -	Do.	Do.	7	1	Do.	33,847	Do.	33,912	65	Do.	33,917	5
Fort Wayne -	Do.	Do.	6	1	Sept. 30, 1841	25,200	Do.	25,308	108	Do.	25,313	5
Winamac -	Do.	Do.	5	1	June 30, 1840	13,336	June 30, 1842	14,710	1,374	Do.	14,792	82
Total -	-	-	*33	6	-	153,242	-	155,431	2,189	-	155,606	175
ILLINOIS.												
Shawneetown -	June 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	4	1	June 30, 1841	9,565	June 30, 1842	9,833	268	Sept. 30, 1842	9,888	55
Kaskaskia -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Mar. 31, 1841	9,627	April 30, 1842	10,061	434	Do.	10,234	173
Edwardsville -	Do.	Do.	5	1	Do.	22,893	Mar. 31, 1842	23,082	189	Do.	23,138	56
Vandalia -	Do.	Do.	7	1	May 31, 1841	12,612	Sept. 30, 1842	13,066	394	Do.	13,066	
Palestine -	Do.	Do.	4	1	July 29, 1841	14,872	Aug. 31, 1842	15,149	277	Do.	15,160	11
Springfield -	Do.	Do.	6	1	Mar. 31, 1841	20,139	Mar. 31, 1842	20,242	103	Do.	20,280	38
Danville -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Do.	8,882	May 31, 1842	8,962	80	Do.	8,979	17
Quincy -	Do.	Do.	6	1	Do.	16,414	Aug. 31, 1842	16,602	188	Do.	16,610	8
Dixon -	Do.	Do.	8	1	Sept. 30, 1841	12,360	June 30, 1842	14,291	1,931	Do.	14,550	259
Chicago -	Do.	Do.	10	1	May 31, 1841	8,655	Do.	10,501	1,846	Do.	10,885	384
Total -	-	-	*58	10	-	136,019	-	141,729	5,710	-	142,730	1,001
MISSOURI.												
St. Louis -	June 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	4	1	Dec. 31, 1839	12,264	April 30, 1840	12,884	620	Oct. 31, 1842	14,136	1,252
Fayette -	Do.	Do.	4	1	June 30, 1841	23,157	Dec. 16, 1841	23,627	470	Dec. 16, 1841	23,627	
Palmyra -	Do.	Do.	4	1	July 20, 1840	22,264	July 20, 1840	22,264	-	Sept. 30, 1842	23,195	931
Jackson -	Do.	Do.	6	1	April 29, 1841	8,153	July 31, 1842	8,513	360	Do.	8,552	39
Lexington -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Mar. 25, 1840	18,784	Dec. 8, 1841	21,894	3,110	Do.	22,782	888
Springfield -	Do.	Do.	5	1	July 26, 1837	213	Sept. 11, 1839	2,734	2,521	June 30, 1842	6,668	3,934
Total -	-	-	27	6	-	84,835	-	91,916	7,081	-	98,960	7,044
ALABAMA.												
St. Stephen's -	Sept. 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	3	1	Oct. 31, 1841	8,940	June 30, 1842	8,980	40	Sept. 30, 1842	8,987	7
Cahaba -	Do.	Do.	3	1	Do.	35,851	Do.	35,967	116	Do.	35,983	16

\* Under all bonds, and including late receiver's.

† Office discontinued.

# EXHIBIT E—Continued.

Land offices.	Date of receivers' last accounts, adjusted up to the 1st November, 1841.	Date of receivers' last accounts, adjusted up to the 1st November, 1842.	No. of receivers' accounts adjusted from 1st Nov., 1841, to 1st Nov., 1842.	No. of receivers' accounts received, and to be adjusted.	Date and highest No. of certificates of purchase registered on the 1st November, 1841.		Date and highest No. of certificates of purchase registered on the 1st November, 1842.		No. of certificates of purchase registered from 1st November, 1841, to 1st Nov., 1842.	Period to which the monthly returns have been rendered, including certificates of purchase.	Highest No. of certificates of purchase received.	No. of certificates of purchase received, and to be registered.
					Date.	No.	Date.	No.				
Huntsville -	Sept. 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	6	1	Oct. 31, 1841	12,332 *581	Mar. 31, 1842	12,352 *582	20 1	Sept. 30, 1842	12,419 *582	67
Tuscaloosa -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Do.	23,854	June 30, 1842	23,917	63	Do.	23,928	11
Sparta -	Do.	Do.	3	1	Do.	7,111	Do.	7,160	49	Do.	7,193	33
Demopolis -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Do.	13,168	Do.	13,194	26	Do.	13,200	6
Montgomery -	Do.	Do.	3	1	Do.	8,157	Do.	8,267	110	Do.	8,279	12
Lebanon, (late Mardisville) -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Do.	5,793	Mar. 31, 1842	5,820	27	Do.	6,196	376
Total -	-	-	30	8	-	115,787	-	116,239	452	-	116,767	528
MISSISSIPPI.												
Washington -	June 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	4	1	Oct. 22, 1839	6,132	Dec. 31, 1841	6,219	87	Oct. 31, 1842	6,232	13
Augusta -	Do.	Do.	3	1	Oct. 31, 1841	6,968	Oct. 31, 1842	6,985	17	Do.	6,985	
Jackson -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Do.	29,824	Do.	29,846	22	Do.	29,846	
Grenada -	Do.	Do.	8	1	Aug. 31, 1841	6,747	Sept. 30, 1842	6,835	88	Sept. 30, 1842	6,835	
Columbus -	Do.	Do.	4	1	Oct. 31, 1841	31,330	June 30, 1842	31,514	184	Oct. 31, 1842	31,533	19
Pontotoc -	March 31, 1841	Do.	5	1	Sept. 30, 1841	18,125	Sept. 21, 1842	18,656	531	Sept. 21, 1842	18,656	
Total -	-	-	28	6	-	99,126	-	100,055	929	-	100,087	32

LOUISIANA.													
New Orleans	-	June 30, 1841	June 30, 1842	4	1	Mar. 26, 1840	1,734	Feb. 21, 1842	1,907	173	Sept. 30, 1842	1,947	40
Opelousas	-	Do.	Do.	3	2	July 28, 1841	2,944	May 20, 1842	4,043	1,099	Sept. 15, 1842	4,057	14
Washita	-	Do.	Do.	5	1	June 29, 1841	7,215	May 30, 1842	7,626	411	Sept. 30, 1842	7,681	55
Greensburg	-	Dec. 31, 1837	Dec. 31, 1837	-	-	July 29, 1837	1,340	Nov. 22, 1837	1,354	14	Nov. 22, 1837	1,354	-
Natchitoches	-	June 30, 1840	Mar. 31, 1841	-	-	May 4, 1841	2,370	May 4, 1841	2,370	-	May 4, 1841	2,370	-
Total	-	-	-	12	4	-	15,603	-	17,300	1,697	-	17,409	109
MICHIGAN.													
Detroit	-	Mar. 31, 1841	June 30, 1842	8	2	Sept. 30, 1841	28,709	Sept. 30, 1842	28,770	61	Sept. 30, 1842	28,770	-
Kalamazoo	-	Do.	Do.	5	1	Do.	24,187	Do.	24,290	103	Do.	24,290	-
Genesee	-	Do.	Do.	8	1	Aug. 10, 1841	2,001	Do.	2,066	65	Do.	2,066	-
Ionia	-	Do.	Do.	7	1	Sept. 29, 1841	5,082	Do.	5,231	149	Do.	5,231	-
Total	-	-	-	28	5	-	59,979	-	60,357	378	-	60,357	-
ARKANSAS.													
Batesville	-	Mar. 31, 1841	June 30, 1842	5	1	July 20, 1841	2,659	Aug. 30, 1842	2,734	75	Sept. 30, 1842	2,738	4
Little Rock	-	Do.	Do.	5	1	May 31, 1841	4,301	Sept. 30, 1842	4,476	175	Do.	4,476	-
Washington	-	Do.	Do.	5	1	Dec. 28, 1839	4,265	Dec. 31, 1839	4,265	-	Do.	4,583	318
Fayetteville	-	Do.	Do.	5	1	July 29, 1841	4,509	Sept. 22, 1842	4,530	21	Do.	4,530	-
Helena	-	Do.	Do.	5	1	June 18, 1841	4,437	June 30, 1841	4,437	-	Aug. 31, 1842	4,498	61
Johnson C. H.	-	Do.	Do.	5	1	June 30, 1840	444	Feb. 28, 1842	837	393	Sept. 30, 1842	886	49
Total	-	-	-	30	6	-	20,615	-	21,279	664	-	21,711	432
WISCONSIN TER.													
Muskoday	-	Dec. 31, 1840	June 30, 1842	6	1	July 9, 1841	6,099	Dec. 31, 1841	6,189	90	Aug. 31, 1842	6,283	94
Green Bay	-	Do.	Do.	6	1	Aug. 27, 1841	2,491	Aug. 30, 1841	2,491	-	Sept. 30, 1842	2,564	73
Milwaukie	-	Do.	Do.	6	1	Aug. 31, 1840	7,605	April 30, 1842	9,441	1,836	Do.	10,372	931
Total	-	-	-	18	3	-	16,195	-	18,121	1,926	-	19,219	1,098

\* Cherokee school lands.

† Under all bonds, and including late receiver's.

# EXHIBIT E—Continued.

Land offices.	Date of receivers' last accounts, adjusted up to the 1st November, 1841.	Date of receivers' last accounts, adjusted up to the 1st November, 1842.	No. of receivers' accounts adjusted from 1st Nov., 1841, to 1st Nov., 1842.		Date and highest No. of certificates of purchase registered on the 1st Nov., 1841.		Date and highest No. of certificates of purchase registered on the 1st Nov., 1842.		No. of certificates of purchase registered from 1st November, 1841, to 1st Nov., 1842.	Period to which the monthly returns have been rendered, including certificates of purchase.	Highest number of certificates of purchase received.	No. of certificates of purchase received, and to be registered.
					Date.	No.	Date.	No.				
IOWA TER.												
Dubuque -	Mar. 31, 1841	June 30, 1842	5	-	Sept. 30, 1841	1,972	April 30, 1842	3,101	1,129	June 30, 1842	3,190	89
Fairfield, (late Burlington) -	Do.	Do.	7	2	Do.	8,630	June 30, 1842	8,984	354	Sept. 30, 1842	9,040	56
Total -	-	-	12	2	-	10,602	-	12,085	1,483	-	12,340	145
FLORIDA TER.												
Tallahassee -	Mar. 31, 1840	June 30, 1842	9	1	Aug. 24, 1841	8,496	Aug. 31, 1841	8,496	-	Sept. 30, 1842	8,556	60
St. Augustine -	Nov. 9, 1839	Do.	10	-	Nov. 9, 1839	12	Oct. 29, 1841	657	645	Oct. 31, 1841	657	60
Total -	-	-	19	1	-	8,508	-	9,153	645	-	9,213	60



# RECAPITULATION.

Ohio	-	-	-	27	4	-	77,138	-	78,480	1,342	-	78,480	
Indiana	-	-	-	33	6	-	153,242	-	155,431	2,189	-	155,606	175
Illinois	-	-	-	58	10	-	136,019	-	141,729	5,710	-	142,730	1,001
Missouri	-	-	-	27	6	-	84,835	-	91,916	7,081	-	98,960	7,044
Alabama	-	-	-	30	8	-	115,787	-	116,239	452	-	116,767	528
Mississippi	-	-	-	28	6	-	99,126	-	100,055	929	-	100,087	32
Louisiana	-	-	-	12	4	-	15,603	-	17,300	1,697	-	17,409	109
Michigan	-	-	-	28	5	-	59,979	-	60,357	378	-	60,357	
Arkansas	-	-	-	30	6	-	20,615	-	21,279	664	-	21,711	432
Wisconsin	-	-	-	18	3	-	16,195	-	18,121	1,926	-	19,219	1,098
Iowa	-	-	-	12	2	-	10,602	-	12,085	1,483	-	12,230	145
Florida	-	-	-	19	1	-	8,508	-	9,153	645	-	9,213	60
Grand total	-	-	-	320	61	-	797,649	-	822,145	24,496	-	832,769	10,624

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *December 1, 1842.*

## SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Cincinnati, October 28, 1842.*

SIR : In obedience to your instruction of the 24th ultimo, I present my annual report for the year ending on the 30th September last, with the estimates, &c., therein called for.

The surveys which had not been finished at the date of the last annual report from this office have since been completed, and the proper returns thereof made to your office, and to the district land office.

No new surveys having been ordered within this surveying department the last year, our operations have been confined chiefly to bringing up our records, and to transcribing field notes of surveys, for preservation at the seat of Government. During the year ending on the 30th September last, we have recorded the field notes of two hundred and thirty-four townships, covering eight thousand two hundred and nine pages, and transcribed for the General Land Office the field notes of three hundred and twenty-one townships, covering ten thousand four hundred and forty-seven pages of large cap paper.

Should it be deemed advisable to resume the surveys in Michigan within the next year and a half, I would recommend the subdivision of the twenty-three remaining townships in the southern peninsula, and a portion of the upper peninsula embracing the townships and fractional townships along the straits of St. Mary and the lake coast, as far west as range nine west, with the adjacent islands within our territorial limits. It may be desirable, likewise, to have the township lines extended through the remaining portion of [the] peninsula south of Mr. Burt's late contract, and east of the Esconawbe river. In case these surveys should be ordered, I have included them in the estimates which follow :

*Estimate of disbursements on account of surveying the public lands, for the half year ending June 30, 1843.*

For stationery, printing, and postage	-	-	-	\$200 00
For office rent and fuel	-	-	-	187 50
For laborer (or messenger) for office	-	-	-	60 00
Total	-	-	-	<u>447 50</u>

*Estimate of disbursements on account of surveying the public lands, for the year ending June 30, 1844.*

For surveying exterior township lines	-	-	-	\$4,500 00
For subdividing seventy townships	-	-	-	13,500 00
For stationery, printing, and postage	-	-	-	400 00
For office furniture	-	-	-	50 00
For office rent and fuel	-	-	-	375 00
For laborer (or messenger) for office	-	-	-	120 00
Total	-	-	-	<u>18,945 00</u>

The large amount of recording and other office work remaining yet to be done, together with the work of transcribing field notes of survey for preser-

vation at the seat of Government, will require an undiminished allowance for clerk hire ; and I accordingly estimate the usual amount for this branch of the service, as follows :

*Estimate for salaries of surveyor general and clerks, for the half year ending June 30, 1843.*

For compensation to the surveyor general	-	-	\$1,000 00
For compensation to clerks, per act of 9th May, 1836	-	-	3,150 00
For compensation to extra clerks to transcribe field notes of survey, per act of August 26, 1842	-	-	2,250 00
Total	-	-	<u>6,400 00</u>

*Estimate for salaries of surveyor general and clerks, for the year ending June 30, 1844.*

For compensation to the surveyor general	-	-	\$2,000 00
For compensation to clerks, per act of May 9, 1836	-	-	6,300 00
For compensation to extra clerks to transcribe field notes of survey, per act of August 26, 1842	-	-	4,500 00
Total	-	-	<u>12,800 00</u>

I transmit, with this report, a general statement of receipts and disbursements for surveying, from the time I assumed the duties of this office to the 30th September ultimo, (marked A ;) a tabular statement of contracts, (marked B ;) and two copies of the skeleton map of Michigan, showing the state of the work up to the present time, (marked C C.)

I am, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM JOHNSTON,  
*Surveyor General.*

Hon. THOMAS H. BLAKE,  
*Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.*

NOTE—Concerning the paper A, referred to in report :

The amount of disbursements will be ascertained in a day or two, (from the quarterly account current, which has not yet been made out,) when the statement A will be prepared and forwarded, to be filed with the annual report.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON,  
*Surveyor General.*

*Tabular statement of contracts for surveying in the district comprising the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.*

Date of contract.	By whom.	State.	Time allowed.	Estimated miles in contract.	Price per mile.	Amount of contracts.	Miles ret'd.	Miles re-linq'shed.	Paid in full.	Remarks on the state of the work in the field.
Aug. 11, 1840	Chas. W. Cathcart	Mich'n	4 months	Miles. 660	\$2 75	\$1,815 00	All	-	\$2,041 29	Survey completed.
April 1, 1841	William A. Burt -	Do.	7 months	1,000	4 25	4,250 00	All	-	7 2 2 9 7	Survey completed.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON, *Surveyor General.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Cincinnati, October 28, 1842.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

St. Louis, October 22, 1842.

SIR: In compliance with your letter of the 24th of September last, I transmit to you the report of the operations of this office during the year which ended on the 30th of September last, and the estimate for its expenditures during the half year ending on the 30th of June, 1843, and another and separate estimate for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1844.

Accompanying statement A shows the amount of receipts and expenditures of public funds during the year, and also the balances, in favor of the United States, of the several appropriations on the 30th of September.

Statement B exhibits the condition of the contracts with this office, under the general appropriation for surveying. You will perceive that, with the exception of William Gordon's contract, all the old contracts are either completed, or the field notes of those which are not yet finally disposed of are in the office, awaiting some corrections by the deputies who executed them. Mr. Gordon having not been heard of for a long time, I feel it my duty to place his contract in the hands of a deputy, to make the required corrections on the ground, and whose services shall be compensated from the avails of Mr. Gordon's work which remains unpaid.

The small contracts in Missouri, since the 30th of September, 1841, were entered into in compliance with the instructions from your office—detailed in each case on the statement.

The contracts for the completion of the public surveys in the northern part of Illinois, ordered by your letter of the 28th ultimo, are now preparing. I shall strictly follow the directions of that letter, as to the selection of the deputies, whose work I intend to have examined on the ground, by a supervisor whom I shall appoint, at the expense of all the contractors—*this being a part of the written agreement between them and the surveyor general.*

Statement C shows the state of the surveys of the unfinished and detached lines in Illinois and Missouri, for which an appropriation of \$3,000 was made on the 3d of March, 1841, not to exceed \$6 per mile. The instructions given in March last to the deputies, Williams, Parker, and Spalding, having been somewhat delayed, these gentlemen lost the season of the year in which the stage of the waters of the Mississippi and the Illinois rivers was most conducive to the surveying of the low lands on their marshy banks. They could not, therefore, finish their contracts within the period agreed upon, and a further extension of time was allowed them. Their returns are daily expected in the office, where, from all appearances, they will require a very considerable amount of labor.

You will see, by statement C, that the existing appropriations for these surveys will be all expended for the contracts made under it; but it will not complete the running of all the lines intended thereby. I have therefore to recommend that another appropriation of \$300, *including office work*, be asked from Congress, towards finishing these surveys—the completion of which is so much needed, and has so many times been requested by the surveyors general, and urged by the settlers upon their representatives in the State and the National Legislatures.

Statement D gives the number of plats of newly surveyed townships which have been transmitted to your office, and those furnished the regis-



ters' offices, and also, in each State, the number of acres of land in those townships. They amount, in Illinois, to 1,349,170.64 acres, and, in Missouri, to 1,625,481.33 acres.

There are now in this office (to be furnished your own and the registers' offices) the plats only of the eight townships surveyed by Stansbury, in the year 1837, in Missouri, and the plats of the twelve townships of Gordon's and Enoch Moore's contracts, in Illinois. The plats of Stansbury's surveying will be terminated when the subdivision of the adjoining townships shall afford the surveyor general the opportunity of having Stansbury's suspended lines corrected. The twelve other plats will, I expect, be forwarded the ensuing winter or next spring.

During the year embraced by this report, 1,049 plats of sections, subdivided under the laws of 1820 and 1832, were forwarded to your office; and so many of them as were needed by the registers have also been sent to those officers. The work of this description, called for in the lists of A to J, from your office, is nearly completed—there being about 30 plats remaining of list J to be made. A clerk is now completing this business.

The correspondence, during the year, amounts to 452 letters, statements, reports, plats, &c., covering 271 pages of closely ruled foolscap paper. The writing and record of those letters, &c., makes 294,000 words.

The plats of the old surveyed townships which were asked for by Mr. King for your office, where they were missing, have been sent, so far as found in this office. Those that have not been transmitted are either unsurveyed or incomplete, except the plats of townships 51 and 52 north, range 1 west, 5th meridian, which will be sent in a few days.

Nine private surveys have been platted and described in the books of record kept for that purpose.

Fifty surveys of blocks and lots in the city of St. Louis have been platted, and the descriptions made from the field notes; a clerk is occasionally employed at that work, which it is my intention to prosecute without delay, until it is completed, in order to enable the surveyor general to distinguish the private from the vacant lots, and assign these to the public schools, according to the prescriptions of the law of 26th May, 1824. This business will require a good deal of research in the old records.

During the past year, the survey of the villages of St. Genevieve and New Bourbon has been completed. Of the towns and villages named in the act of 1824, St. Louis, Carondelet, St. Genevieve, New Bourbon, and Mine-à Breton, have been surveyed, leaving unsurveyed the villages of Portage des Sioux, St. Charles, St. Ferdinand, Village-à-Robert, New Madrid, and Little Prairie. But the surveyor general was never able to have the work made out in his office, preparatory to his final action upon these returned surveys, because of the utter insufficiency of the regular appropriations for clerk hire, and the belief that the funds appropriated for the surveying of the towns and villages applied to the field work only. I recommend that an appropriation of \$4,000, *including office work*, be asked from Congress at its next session, for the progress of those surveys. Indeed, they should be immediately taken up and actively urged forward, on account of the difficulties they present, which are daily increasing by the successive disappearance of the old witnesses, whose testimony only can throw some light upon the original localities of the lots, in the absence or imperfectness of the ancient records. It is proper to remark that the balance of \$1,539 02, left of former appropriations for these surveys, will

be reduced to about \$700, by the settlement of an account due Mr. Jos. C. Brown, who is now engaged in making the descriptions of the lots he surveyed in St. Genevieve and New Bourbon.

Nothing has been done relative to the descriptive lists of townships to be furnished the district land offices, so that I can but renew the estimates of preceding annual reports for the arrears of this kind of work, and repeat the fact that, for some twelve or fifteen years past, it has been set aside.

Statement E shows the progress made in surveying the claims confirmed in Missouri by the law of the 4th of July, 1836. Your instructions of the 15th of September last, directing the final action of this office upon these claims, shall be actively and strictly carried into effect, provided you authorize me to engage two experienced clerks in the business. I will here remark, that the survey of the 150 tracts, already paid for, has taken but \$6,420 90 of the \$17,500 appropriated in 1837, leaving \$11,079 10 for the 177 tracts to be run out; but these, as I intimated in my letter to the Commissioner of the 16th of June last, are generally small concessions or settlement rights, the surveying of which will by no means require an amount of money equal to that expended for the 150 larger surveyed tracts. I have ascertained that a balance of at least \$6,000 will remain, if the whole appropriation is to be applied exclusively to the operations of the field. I will, therefore, suggest the propriety of using this sum of \$6,000 towards completing the office work required by those confirmations, which is certainly as much a part of the survey thereof as is the mere chaining on the ground.

There are 72 volumes of copies of field notes in the office; 56 are compared, paid for, and the most of them indexed; 16 remain to be compared, indexed, and paid for. The comparing is going on. I will lose no time, when this report and the new contracts are finished, to comply with your instructions of the 3d instant, requiring me to forward all the work of this description to your office.

In my special report of the 9th of May last to the Commissioner, upon the condition of this office, asked for by his letter of the 20th of April, I held, amongst other details, the following language: "I believe, from the appropriations made for clerks, that the amount of the duties of the office has, for many years past, been underrated. It embraces two of the largest States of the Union, in which the lines of the public surveys are intersected by the lines of about 5,000 private claims of every kind, a considerable number of which are still unsettled; voluminous reports are from time to time required in relation to them. These claims multiply the subdivisions of sections required by law; and they, moreover, are the cause of much trouble to the office, which, on their account, is daily written or resorted to by their owners or the owners of interfering lands. The correspondence of the surveyor general, also, is very extensive, and should still be carried further but for want of time to attend to all communications as speedily as may be desired. All these causes co-operate to augment the labor of this office; it has at least doubled since 1836, whilst the legal appropriation (\$3,820) remains *stationary*, however inadequate it may be. Hence the necessity for the surveyors general, in each of their annual reports, for years past, of having asked extra appropriations for carrying on their operations, heretofore delayed by the scanty means provided by Congress. What I have here set forth may be the better illustrated by the fact, that, for each of the three years past, a sum of about \$3,200 has been paid to

the draughtsmen only, for the constructing and copying of plats of newly surveyed townships, leaving a balance of \$600 of the regular appropriation for clerks, for the remainder of the work of the office, if other money had not been seasonably furnished."

The foregoing paragraph alludes to the act of the 9th of May, 1836, that fixed the salaries of the clerks of this office at an aggregate sum of \$3,820, which, from the very time it was allowed, was found to be entirely insufficient. It is my firm conviction that the said act of the 9th of May, 1836, ought to be done away with in its provisions relating to the office of the "surveyor general of Illinois and Missouri," and another act urgently pressed upon Congress, which shall at once fix a reasonable appropriation for the salaries of its clerks, based upon the arrears of the work, the amount of current duties to be performed, and the importance of the office. It is, I think, useless to dwell any longer upon a subject that has been for several years in succession laid, by the surveyor general, before the Commissioners of the General Land Office. I therefore propose that \$6,500 be allowed for the salaries of the regular clerks of this office; and I strongly urge your recommendation of the passage of this proposed law, by the House of Representatives, at the coming session.

Diagrams F 1, 2, and 3, show the new surveys in Illinois, ordered in compliance with your instructions of the 28th of September last.

Diagrams G 1, 2, and 3, show the intended surveys in Missouri. I have not thought proper to ask for more surveying in this State than that recommended by my predecessors, which has not yet been executed. However, I will suggest the propriety of your leaving to the surveyor general some discretion in selecting, instead of some townships now marked for surveying, other townships, the subdivision of which may become pressing, on account of their including the seats of justice of newly organized counties, or the improvements of numerous settlers.

Statement H is the estimate of funds wanted for the half year ending on the 30th of June, 1843.

Statement I comprises the estimate of funds needed during the year ending on the 30th of June, 1844. You will remark that, in this document, I have included the office work for certain surveys in the appropriation asked therefor. I have not asked any funds for clerk hire, in relation to the claims confirmed in 1836 in Missouri, as I suppose that the expenses required by them will be covered by the appropriation of 1837.

I am, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

SILAS REED,

*Surveyor of Public Lands for Illinois and Missouri.*

THOMAS H. BLAKE, Esq.,

*Com'r General Land Office, city of Washington.*

[ A. ]

[Accompanying report of October 22, 1842.]

*General statement of receipts and disbursements for surveying the public and private lands in the States of Illinois and Missouri, for the year ending the 30th of September, 1842.*

<i>1st. General appropriation.</i>			
RECEIPTS.			
Cash received from the Treasurer in the 4th quarter of 1841	-	\$15,000	00
Cash received from the Treasurer in the 1st quarter of 1842	-	5,316	13
Cash received from William Milburn, former surveyor general, being the balance in his hands of the funds of the United States on the 30th of September, 1841	-	372	39
Cash from the sale of old furniture of the office	-	27	66
Cash received from the Treasurer in the 3d quarter of 1842	-	5,000	00
Amount of advances made to deputy surveyors by former surveyors general, which have been reimbursed in the settlement of their accounts	-	640	00
		\$26,356	18
EXPENDITURES.			
During the 4th quarter of 1841, including \$440 of former advances	-	14,543	34
During the 1st quarter of 1842, including \$200 of former advances	-	5,238	69
During the 3d quarter of 1842	-	4,484	41
		24,266	44
Balance left on the 30th Sept., 1842	-	-	\$2,089 74
<i>2d. Appropriation of \$17,500, made on the 3d of March, 1837, for surveying the claims confirmed in Missouri by the act of the 4th of July, 1836.</i>			
RECEIPTS.			
Fourth quarter of 1841—cash from the Treasurer	-	1,820	21



## STATEMENT--Continued.

EXPENDITURES.			
Fourth quarter of 1841	- -	\$254 10	
First quarter of 1842	- -	176 53	
			\$430 63
Balance left on the 30th Sept., 1842	-	-	\$1,389 56
<i>3d. Appropriations of \$6,000 made on the 6th of April, 1838, and \$2,000 on the 3d of March, 1841, for surveying the towns in Missouri named in the act of the 26th of May, 1824.</i>			
RECEIPTS.			
Cash received from the Treasurer in the 4th quarter of 1841—appropriation of \$6,000	- - -	1,863 66	
Cash received from the Treasurer in the 2d quarter of 1842—appropriation of \$2,000	- - -	2,000 00	
			3,863 66
EXPENDITURES.			
During the 1st quarter of 1842	-	1,654 45	
During the 3d quarter of 1842	-	670 19	
			2,324 64
Balance left on the 30th Sept., 1842	-	-	1,539 02
<i>4th. Appropriation of \$3,000, to complete the surveys of unfinished and detached lines in Illinois and Missouri, made on the 3d of March, 1841.</i>			
RECEIPTS.			
Cash received from the Treasurer in the 4th quarter of 1841	- -	500 00	
Cash received from the Treasurer in the 2d quarter of 1842	- -	2,500 00	
			3,000 00
EXPENDITURES.			
During the 1st quarter of 1842	-	248 18	
During the 3d quarter of 1842	-	391 44	
			639 62



## STATEMENT—Continued.

Balance left on the 30th Sept., 1842 -	-	-	\$2,360 38
Aggregate balance on the 30th September, 1842 -	-	-	7,378 72
Of this balance, deduct the several balances due by Surveyor General Brown, on his leaving the office, and which have not yet been turned over to the present surveyor general:			
Of the general appropriation -	\$1,574 15		
Of the appropriation of \$17,500 -	1,389 58		
Of the appropriation of \$6,000 -	209 21		
Of the appropriation of \$3,000 -	251 82		
		-	3,424 76
And we have the present balance of due the United States on the 30th September, 1842. It is composed of the following sums:		-	3,953 96
Balance on account current for the 3d quarter of 1842—general appropriation -	\$515 59		
Balance on account current for the 3d quarter of 1842—\$2,000 appropriation -	1,329 81		
Balance on account current for the 3d quarter of 1842—\$3,000 appropriation -	2,108 56		
Equal -	3,953 96		

SILAS REED,

*Surveyor of Public Lands in Illinois and Missouri.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, October 22, 1842.

[ B. ]

[ Accompanying report of the 22d October, 1842. ]

*Statement of contracts for surveying the public lands in the States of Illinois and Missouri, which had not been fully paid for on the 27th October, 1841, (the date of the last annual report from this office,) under the general surveying appropriation.*

Dates of contracts.	By whom contracted.	In what State.	Months allowed.	Estimated amount of miles.	Price per mile.	Estimated amount.	Whole am't of surveys returned.	Miles relinquished.	Amount paid and accounted for.	Paym'ts withheld by Com'r of General Land Office.	Estimated amount wanted to complete the contracts.	Remarks on work, &c., returns.
May 8 & June 3, 1837.	Eli S. Prescott	Illinois	12	-	\$3	-	mi. chs. lks. 888 56 54	-	\$2,619 46	\$46 68	-	Surveys approved; payment of the \$46 68 was withheld for the reasons detailed in Commissioner's letter of 25th July, 1842.
Sept. 21, 1839	James and John P. Thompson.	Do	6	-	3	-	545 38 78	-	1,636 45	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 21, 1839	Wm. L. D. Ewing	Do	6	-	3	-	724 60 04	-	2,174 24	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 23, 1839	William Gordon	Do	6	360	3	\$1,080	-	-	548 29	-	\$540 00	Three townships remain to be paid for; the field notes of which require corrections on the ground.
Sept. 21, 1839	D. A. Spaulding	Do	6	-	3	-	683 68 83	-	2,051 57	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Feb. 15, 1840	D. A. Spaulding	Do	6	-	3	-	203 17 83	-	619 67	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Feb. 21, 1840	John Frierson	Do	6	200	3	600	55 12 10	145	-	-	-	This surveying of detached fractions along the Mississippi river, west of the 4th meridian, was contracted for at \$3 per mile, under this appropriation, but it was paid for at the rate of \$4 50 per mile, under the appropriation of \$3,000, made on the 3d March, 1841, for surveying 500 miles of unfinished lines in Illinois and Missouri, at a rate not exceeding \$6 a mile, under the authority of a letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated the 12th January, 1842. (See statem't C.)

Sept. 1, 1840	D. A. Spaulding	- Do	4	-	3	-	375 17 28	-	1,125 64	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 12, 1840	J. M. Moore	- Do	4	-	3	-	391 46 57	-	1,174 74	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 12, 1840	John D. Whitesides and Jacob Judy.	- Do	4	-	3	-	366 67 96	-	1,100 54	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 12, 1840	Enoch Moore	- Do	4	320	3	960	-	-	-	-	960 00	Surveys suspended. They have been examined on the ground by J. A. Clark, whose returns are in; they will be shortly attended to.
Sept. 18, 1840	James and John P. Thompson.	- Do	4	-	3	-	894 43 54	-	2,683 60	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 19, 1840	Ignatius Sprigg	- Do	4	-	3	-	383 21 35	-	1,149 80	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Oct. 6, 1840	C. R. Bennet	- Do	4	-	3	-	310 12 27	-	930 46	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Without contract.	J. H. Rees, for E. S. Prescott.	- Do	-	-	3	-	323 53 69	-	-	971 01	-	Surveys not authorized by this office, but received for examination, under the authority of a letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated the 5th June, 1840. They are of township 37 N., ranges 4 to 8 E., of the 3d meridian. The field notes are examined and approved, but the payment of the \$971 01 was withheld by the letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the 25th July, 1842, for the reasons specified in it.
Oct. 12, 1833	Elias Barcroft	- Missouri	10	-	3	-	708 47 23	-	2,125 77	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Dec. 11, 1834	E. J. Christy	- Do	12	-	3	-	643 20 92	-	1,929 77	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
April 3, 1835	E. C. McDonald	- Do	12	762	3	2,286	780 15 09	-	2,084 16	-	256 40	These surveys are completed and approved. The \$256 40 are composed of \$170, the balance left after the correction of the surveys; of the \$200 withheld for that purpose in voucher No. 1, of account of 2d quarter of 1837; and the price of 28 miles 64.16 chains of surveys under this contract, not included in said voucher.
April 3, 1835	E. Stansbury	- Do	12	791	3	2,373	686 45 90	-	1,635 48	-	-	Some of the suspended surveys of this contract have been corrected. There remain exterior lines to be examined on the ground, when the adjoining townships shall be subdivided.

## STATEMENT—Continued.

Dates of contracts.	By whom contracted.	In what State.	Months allowed.	Estimated amount of miles.	Price per mile.	Estimated amount.	Whole am't of surveys returned.	Miles relinquished.	Amount paid, and accounted for.	Paym'ts withheld by Com'r of General Land Office.	Estimated amount wanted to complete the contracts.	Remarks on work, &c., returns.
May 4, 1837	James Reid	Missouri	4	-	3	-	mi. chs. lks. 171 02 02	-	\$513 07	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
April 1, 1838	John Rodney	Do	18	-	3	-	508 07 97	-	1,524 30	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Feb. 21, 1838	H. W. Molder	Do	15	133 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	\$400	-	-	-	-	\$400 00	Surveys completed, and ready for payment, after some corrections to the notes are made.
April 23, 1839	Lisbon Applegate	Do	9	-	3	-	1372 01 63	-	4,116 06	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
July 7, 1839	G. M. Wright	Do	6	-	3	-	562 67 37	-	1,789 15	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 28, 1839	John M. Robinson	Do	10	-	3	-	482 51 82	-	1,443 93	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Mar. 17, 1840	Daniel Miller	Do	6	-	3	-	452 42 36	-	1,357 58	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 9, 1840	F. A. Evans	Do	4	-	3	-	362 39 10	-	1,087 47	-	-	Surveys approved and paid for.
Sept. 11, 1840	Daniel Miller	Do	4	-	3	-	222 41 28	-	667 54	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 15, 1840	Thomas Monroe	Do	4	-	3	-	259 70 77	-	779 65	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Sept. 15, 1840	Daniel G. Saunders	Do	4	-	3	-	484 62 71	-	1,460 35	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Oct. 5, 1840	Peter Wright	Do	4	-	3	-	300 64 43	-	902 41	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Oct. 14, 1840	R. T. Holliday	Do	4	-	3	-	318 32 72	-	955 22	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Oct. 23, 1840	A. M. Eiler	Do	4	-	3	-	215 22 67	-	645 85	-	-	Surveys completed, approved, and paid for.
Dec. 16, 1840	Isaac Woods	Do	4	-	3	-	96 17 17	-	288 66	-	-	This surveying is approved and paid for.
<i>Work contracted for since the 27th October, 1841.</i>												The contract, which was not to exceed 600 miles in the southeast corner of the State, is considered as completed; the surveyor having relinquished it on account of the unprofitableness of the business.
Jan. 28, 1842	Daniel G. Saunders	Missouri	2	-	3	-	1 46 64	-	4 74	-	-	Surveying paid for; it was ordered by the letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the 12th January, 1842, for the purpose of extending the lines of the public surveys through a released part of the military reserve at Ft. Leavenworth.

Oct. 3, 1842	L. M. Eiler	-	Do	2	6	3	18	-	-	-	-	18 00
Oct. 5, 1842	Jesse Applegate	-	Do	3	104	3	312	-	-	-	-	312 00
												2486 40

Surveying authorized in township 53 N., range 20 W., of the 5th meridian, by the Commissioner's letter of 7th Sept., 1842. Contract for subdividing township 24 N., range 20 W. of 5th principal meridian, and some exterior lines adjoining to that township; authorized in compliance with the letter of Commissioner of 11th May, 1842.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, October 22, 1842.

SILAS REED,  
Surveyor of Public Lands in Illinois and Missouri.



[Accompanying report of 22d October, 1842.]

*Statement showing the progress made on the 30th September, 1842, in surveying in the district of Illinois and Missouri, under the appropriation of \$3,000 of the 3d of March, 1841, for surveying five hundred miles of unfinished and detached lines in Illinois and Missouri, principally in the military district, Illinois, at a rate not exceeding \$6 a mile.*

Dates of contracts.	By whom contracted.	In what State.	Months allowed.	Estimated amount of miles.	Price per mile.	Estimated amount.	Amount of surveys returned.	Miles relinquished.	Amount paid and accounted for.	Estimated amount to complete the contracts.	Remarks.
February 21, 1840	John Frierson	Illinois	6	200	\$4½	-	mi. ch. lks. 55 12 10	145	\$248 18	-	See statement B for this surveying, which was contracted for under the general appropriation. It was of detached lines in township 17, ranges 3 and 4; townships 15, 16, and 17, range 6 north of the base line and west of 4th principal meridian.
Aug. 18 and 24, 1841	John W. Williams and Edwin James.	Illinois	4	-	6	-	65 19 28	-	391 44	-	Surveys approved and paid for. It was executed in townships 9 and 10 north, range 6 west of 4th meridian.
January 12, 1842	William Milburn	Missouri	3	-	6	-	58 44 07	-	-	\$350 68	Lines near the villages of St. Genevieve and New Bourbon. Field notes returned, but not examined. These three contracts embrace part of the unfinished lines in the Quincy district, Illinois, on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, north and south of base

March 4, 1842  
March 12, 1842  
March 31, 1842

- John W. Williams  
- Amasa R. Parker -  
- D. A. Spaulding -

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line, east and west of the 4th meridian. They were entered into in compliance with the instructions of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the 12th January, 1842. Owing to high waters, the surveyors have not yet made returns.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, October 22, 1842.

SILAS REED,  
*Surveyor of Public Lands in Illinois and Missouri.*

[ H. ]

[Accompanying report of 22d October, 1842.]

*Estimated amount of funds wanted for the service of the surveyor general's office at St. Louis, during the half year ending on the 30th of June, 1843.*

Subdivision of 48 townships in the northern part of Illinois, authorized by the Commissioner's letter of 28th of September, 1842, at \$180 per township, or \$3 per mile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$8,640 00
Aggregate of the column of estimated amount of funds wanted to complete contracts in statement B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,486 40
Salary of surveyor general	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
Salary of clerks allowed by law	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,910 00	
proposed increase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,340 00	
									3,250 00
Salary of an extra clerk, to make out such descriptive lists of townships which are in arrears as are most wanted by the registers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 00
Extra clerks to transcribe field notes to be preserved at the seat of Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 00
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140 00
Binding of township plats and books of field notes for the office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140 00
Office rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250 00
Fuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
Repair of the furniture of the office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
Wages of servant to the office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36 00
									18,676 40

From which deduct the balance on the 30th September, 1842, of the funds under the general appropriation, including the \$1,574 15 left of those funds by Mr. Brown, late surveyor general, and which have not yet been turned over to the present surveyor general

Aggregate wanted - - - - - 2,089 74

SILAS REED,  
Surveyor of Public Lands in Illinois and Missouri.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, October 22, 1842.

[ L. ]

[Accompanying report of 22d October, 1842.]

*Estimated amount of funds wanted for the service of the surveyor general's office at St. Louis, during the year ending on the 30th June, 1844.*

Surveying of 1,100 miles of exterior township lines in Missouri, at \$3 per mile\* - - - - - \$3,300 00

\* Surveys recommended by former surveyors general.

Surveying of 8,580 miles of subdivisions in Missouri, at \$3 per mile*	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$25,740 00
Surveying of 350 miles of unfinished and detached lines in Illinois and Missouri, principally in the military district, Illinois, at \$6 per mile, including \$900 for office work	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000 00
For surveying the towns and villages in Missouri named in the act of 26th May, 1824, including \$2,000 for office work	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000 00
Salary of surveyor general	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 00
Salary of clerks allowed by law	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,820 00	
proposed increase	-	-	-	-	-	2,680 00	
							<hr/> 6,500 00
Salary of an extra clerk, to make out such descriptive lists of townships which are in arrears as are most wanted by the registers	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 00
Extra clerks to transcribe field notes to be preserved at the seat of Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000 00
Binding of township plats and books of field notes for the office	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	280 00
Office rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Fuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
Repair to office furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Wages to the servant of the office	-	-	-	-	-	-	72 00
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Incidental expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
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Aggregate	-	-	-	-	-	-	<hr/> 51,052 00 <hr/>

SILAS REED,

*Surveyor of Public Lands in Illinois and Missouri.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, *October 22, 1842.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Donaldsonville, (La.), October 28, 1842.*

SIR: In accordance with your circular of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to render the annual report due from this office.

Returns have been made to this office of original surveys, twelve townships, correction of boundary lines, two townships and eight private claims, (including the contents of a league square under the Marquis of Maison Rouge,) in the district north of Red river; one township and surveys of four private claims in the northwestern district, twenty-nine townships and seventy-two surveys of private claims in the southwestern district, nine townships and surveys of twenty-four private claims in the southeastern district, and the surveys of ten private claims in the Greensburg (formerly St. Helena) district—making an aggregate of fifty-three townships and one hundred and eighteen private claims, which have had and are having the usual office examination, and as prompt attention as

\* Surveys recommended by former surveyors general.

the force of the office and other duties permit. A portion of the work in the district north of Red river I have deemed it my duty to order examination of, in the field, before final payments therefor, induced by discrepancies in the notes of surveys; of which, when return is made by the competent persons assigned thereto, an especial report will be made. Most of the work returned from the southwestern district is in correction and completion of old work; and owing to the various difficulties and errors, caused by false locations of claims, confusions, and constructive surveys, which have to be adjusted and reconciled, much time is taken in the examination; and as it has to be performed by the person most familiar with the district, in order that no mistakes shall escape detection, it has caused the additional time taken and required for the employment of the clerk reported as occupied with the old work of this district, estimates for which service I have continued for six months from June 30, 1843.

I have included in my estimates at this time (see abstract marked B) an amount necessary for the examination, marking, measuring, establishing corners, &c., of sixteen townships, in the district north of Red river, of fraudulent returns made to this office, by William McFarland, as reported in my letter of May 25, 1842.

The act of Congress approved August 29, 1842, will but partially reach the corrective requirements of the Greensburg district, caused by erroneous surveys of public lands and private claims. Three clerks of the office are now employed in examination of this district, by protracting from the field notes; and I have included in my estimates an amount to cover the labor of two, the third being the chief clerk, and provided for in estimates for the regular clerks in the office. \* \* \* For the corrections required in other districts, as far as now known, as well as the surveys remaining to be performed in the State of Louisiana, I refer to the statement in detail found in abstract B, herewith. Most of the surveys reported can be contracted for at the estimated rates, and part of them have been put under contract, applied for and promised, to persons that I know to be competent, and *whom I believe to be honest*, in anticipation of appropriations to meet the payments therefor. The new contracts include portions of the southeastern and southwestern districts that it is highly important should be surveyed and corrected, for the reason that there is not a bayou or mile of coast, in the southern part of Louisiana, where the foot of man can rest, that has not its settlement, for fishing, hunting, raising stock, or cultivation; and those embracing old work are in and near a highly cultivated country, containing many private claims, which remain with the Government for correct location.

I have avoided making new contracts with any persons who have been notoriously engaged in land speculations, for the obvious reason that it was incompatible with the security of the public and the protection of private interests, whilst I have endeavored to facilitate the return of such work as was outstanding with them under old contracts, or that had been performed under supposed instructions of my predecessor, and have placed no obstacles in the way for the completion of such contracts as remain unfulfilled, for the want of proper surveys and locations of claims.

I have not expected popularity with those who might fall under this rule of official conduct—not declared, but implied by my acts—and I have anticipated the covert action of those affected thereby to thwart me



in the discharge of public duties, by perversion and misrepresentation, instigated thereto by a malevolence which has no limitation but fear.

As the business of the office permits, I shall examine and report upon such returns as I have reason to believe have not been made in good faith, and refer to the United States district attorney for this district the bonds and contracts of any delinquents that may be ascertained.

It is important that convenient portable cases should be provided for this office, for the safety of the documents and records, as reported in statement to S. D. King, Esq., May 15, 1842, for which I have estimated; also, for books for records of township maps, separate plats, field notes, orders of surveys, letters, and general index book, (subject matter of correspondence upon claims, public surveys, &c.,) which are now required for the continuance of the duties of this office, with a view to public utility and the safety of individual interests.

I have now prepared, waiting comparative examination with the original protractors, one hundred and twenty township maps for the General Land Office, and one hundred and ten for the district offices—making, with those previously forwarded, one hundred and eighty-one for the General Land Office, and one hundred and fifty-six for the districts—protracted and copied since my last report, mostly from work found in arrears, noticed in abstract C of said report, which, with two hundred and fifty pages of royal portfolio, occupied with my recorded letters, in answer to various communications upon private claims, and the public surveys, locations, confictions, &c., making the principal work of the year that has not been previously noticed in my correspondence with the department. The necessity of appropriations to meet the requirements of this land district for surveys, and the expenditures incident to the effective discharge of the duties devolving upon this office, and for the safety of the public records, are made so apparent by the late report of S. D. King, Esq., that I deem it unnecessary to urge further argument in reference thereto.

I beg leave to refer to my estimate from December 31, 1842, to July 1, 1843, (No. 1;) same for fiscal year ending June 30, 1844, (A No. 1;) to general statement of disbursements for 1842, (No. 2;) tabular statement of contracts, (No. 3;) which, with duplicate diagrams of the land districts in this State, and abstract B) referred to in the foregoing report, are enclosed herewith.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

F. D. NEWCOMB,  
*Surveyor General, Louisiana.*

Hon. THOMAS H. BLAKE,  
*Commissioner Gen. Land Office, Washington, D. C.*

[ A No. 1. ]

*Estimate of funds required for surveying public lands in the State of Louisiana, and to meet the expenses of the surveyor general's office, from the 30th of June, 1843, to the 1st of July, 1844.*

For surveys of public lands at "augmented prices" - - - - -	\$10,000 00	
For surveys of public lands at four dollars per mile - - - - -	11,000 00	\$21,000 00
For salary of surveyor general - - - - -	2,000 00	
For salaries of regular clerks - - - - -	2,500 00	
For office rent - - - - -	400 00	
For fuel - - - - -	36 00	
For stationery, blanks, and postage - - - - -	350 00	
For books for records of field notes, township maps, separate plats, and orders of survey - - - - -	250 00	
For servant's labor - - - - -	96 00	
		5,632 00
For salaries of two clerks, examining and protracting the St. Helena district - - - - -	2,400 00	
For salary of clerk, examining southwestern district, for two quarters - - - - -	600 00	
For salaries of two clerks, protracting old and new returns - - - - -	3,000 00	
Salaries of two clerks copying maps for General Land Office, offices of registry, and bringing up the records of this office - - - - -	3,000 00	
		9,000 00
		35,632 00

The two first items, for surveys, taken from abstract B, balance left from amount included in estimates for expenses, &c., from 31st December, 1842, to 1st July, 1843.

F. D. NEWCOMB,  
Surveyor General, Louisiana.

[No. 1.]

*Estimate of funds required for surveying public lands in the State of Louisiana, and to meet the expenses of the surveyor general's office, from the 31st of December, 1842, to the 1st of July, 1843.*

For surveys of public lands at "augmented prices" - - - - -	\$14,230 00	
For surveys of public lands at four dollars per mile - - - - -	12,420 00	\$26,650 00
For salary for surveyor general - - - - -	1,000 00	
For salaries of regular clerks - - - - -	1,250 00	
For office rent - - - - -	200 00	
For fuel - - - - -	36 00	
For servant's labor - - - - -	50 00	
For stationery, blanks, and postage - - - - -	200 00	
For office furniture - - - - -	400 00	3,136 00
For salaries of two clerks, protracting St. Helena district - - - - -	1,200 00	
For salary of clerk, examining old work of southwestern district - - - - -	600 00	
For salaries of two clerks, protracting work in arrears - - - - -	2,000 00	
For salaries of two clerks, copying maps for General Land Office and offices of registry, and recording plats and maps - - - - -	1,600 00	5,400 00
		35,186 00

The two first items, for surveys, taken from abstract B herewith, and balance carried to estimate from June 30, 1843, to July 1, 1844.

F. D. NEWCOMB,  
Surveyor General, Louisiana.

[No. 2.]

*General statement of disbursements for surveying in the State of Louisiana, and for expenses of the surveyor general's office, from the 30th September, 1841, to the 1st of October, 1842.*

Balance due the United States, as per last general statement - -	\$4,195 67	
Amount disallowed from surveyor general's salary account, and error in statement of salary account, 3d quarter 1841, \$21 35 - -	179 93	
Amount of error in addition of extra clerk's voucher - -	10	
		\$4,375 70
Oct. 20, 1841. Amount of requisition in favor of J. G. Berry -	1,185 97½	
Dec. 17, 1841. Amount received from Treasurer of the United States, 54 Treasury notes—\$5,000 on account of general appropriation, and \$5,000 on account of surveys at "augmented prices" - -	10,000 00	
Dec. 16, 1841. Treasury warrant No. 10,087, dated Nov. 26, 1841, for salaries of clerks, 1st and 2d quarters 1841 -	2,598 74	
Dec. 16, 1841. Amount of Treasury draft No. 6,828, issued on warrant (No. 10,086, dated Nov. 26, on the collector of New Orleans, for salary account of 3d quarter 1841 -	1,379 65	
Mar. 26, 1842. Amount of Treasury draft on the Union Bank of Louisiana, for salary account, 4th quarter 1841, (No. 315) - -	1,976 25	
July 23, 1842. Requisition in favor of H. K. Newcomb, general appropriation - -	2,000 00	
Sept. 27, 1842. By amount of Treasury notes issued on warrant No. 2,597, in my favor, 100 notes of \$100 each, Nos. 20,762 to 20,861, and 100 of \$50 each, Nos. 35,702 to 35,801, general appropriation for surveys - -	15,000 00	
		34,140 61½
		\$38,516 31½

## STATEMENT—Continued.

Dec. 31, 1841. Disbursements for surveys under general appropriation, 4th quarter 1841 - - - - -	\$8,241 85½	
Dec. 31, 1841. Disbursements for surveys at "augmented prices," 4th quarter 1841 - - - - -	4,203 00	
Dec. 31, 1841. Disbursements on account of salaries, 4th quarter 1841 - - - - -	1,976 25	
Mar. 31, 1842. Disbursements for surveys under general appropriation, 1st quarter 1842 - - - - -	52 04	
Mar. 31, 1842. Disbursements on account of salaries, 1st quarter 1842 - - - - -	1,963 31	
June 30, 1842. Disbursements under general appropriation, 2d quarter 1842 - - - - -	517 61	
June 30, 1842. Disbursements for surveys at "augmented prices," 2d quarter 1842 - - - - -	223 16	
June 30, 1842. Disbursements on account of salaries, 2d quarter 1842 - - - - -	2,784 34½	
June 30, 1842. Disbursements for copying field notes, for transmission to General Land Office, 2d quarter 1842 - - - - -	90 74	
June 30, 1842. Disbursements for preparing maps and descriptive notes for the "agent of the Navy Department, for the preservation of timber, &c.," in compliance with instructions of Commissioner, 2d quarter 1842 - - - - -	190 88	
Sept. 30, 1842. Disbursements for surveys, &c., under general appropriation, 3d quarter 1842 - - - - -	1,370 54½	
Sept. 30, 1842. Disbursements for surveys at "augmented prices," 3d quarter 1842 - - - - -	3,674 38	
Sept. 30, 1842. Disbursements on account of salaries, 3d quarter 1842 - - - - -	2,766 60½	
		\$28,054 71½
Balance due the United States, on hand 30th September, 1842 - - - - -	-	10,461 59½

F. D. NEWCOMB,  
Surveyor General, Louisiana.



[No. 3.]—*Tabular statement of contracts for sur.*

Dates.	By whom.	Districts.	Time allowed.	Estimated No. of miles.	Price per mile.	Amount of contracts.
Dec. 10, 1834	H. Bagarly -	Southwestern district.	Mos. 4	75	\$4	\$300
Jan. 12, 1837	James P. Terrell -	Dist. north Red river	12	275	4	1,150
April 1, 1837	Terrell & Kelly -	Southwestern dist., and dist. north of Red river.	12	625	4	2,500
Oct. 10, 1837	A. F. Rightor and A. McCollam.	Southwestern and southeastern districts.	7	625	8	5,000
Oct. 18, 1837	N. Webster and J. McCollam.	Southwestern dist. and dist. north of Red river.	8½	625	4	2,500
Oct. 25, 1837	George B. Stewart -	District north of Red river.	9	137½	4	550
Nov. 20, 1837	Terrell & Kelly -	Southwestern district.	12	200	6	1,200
Nov. 22, 1837	Alexander & Owens	District north of Red river.	4	312½	4	1,250
Dec. 16, 1837	Phelps & Barrow -	Southwestern district.	12	108½	6	650
Jan. 16, 1838	J. N. Walker -	Dist. north Red river	12	187½	4	750
Feb. 9, 1838	Webster & McCollam	Do	7	571½	7	4,000
July 30, 1838	Seth Kline -	St. Helena district	6	66½	6	400
Sept. 1, 1838	Boyd & Walker -	Southeastern district	12	60	8	500
Dec. 1, 1838	A. F. Rightor -	Do	12	62½	4	400
May 15, 1839	Rightor & McCollam	Do	11	-	-	750
Feb. 18, 1840	Rightor & McCollam	Do	4	-	\$8 for 500 miles, \$4 for balance.	4,000
Feb. 22, 1840	Seth Kline -	St. Helena district	8	100	4	400
Feb. 26, 1840	John Maxwell -	District north of Red river.	11	-	4	250
Feb. 29, 1840	Webster & Cabell -	Do	3	50	4	200
Mar. 17, 1840	J. G. Berry -	Southeastern dist. and dist. north of Red river.	12	312½	4	1,250
Mar. 17, 1840	G. S. & W. T. Walmsley.	Northwestern district.	12	250	4	1,000
Nov. 10, 1840	Webster & McCollam	District north of Red river.	12	62½	4	250

*veying in the State of Louisiana.*

Whole number of miles returned.	Miles suspended, included in returns.	Miles relinquished.	Amounts paid on account.	Amounts due.	Remarks.
<i>mi. chs. lks.</i>					
-	-	-	-	-	Time extended to the 1st January, 1843, for return of this work, having been sent back for correction.
367 43 14	-	-	\$470 15	-	Complete, notes approved.
894 47 29	-	-	2,890 65	\$687 71	Complete, notes approved. Decease of Kelly has prevented my being furnished with vouchers.
1,751 19 66	-	-	14,011 96	-	Township 14 south, range 6 east, and township 15 south, range 7 east, notes not approved; claims to be resurveyed; balance approved.
729 50 99	-	-	2,918 54	-	Complete, notes approved.
162 53 66	-	-	650 68	-	Complete, notes approved.
145 43 26	-	-	873 24	-	Suspended on account of alleged errors.
59 77 59	-	-	239 87	-	Suspended on account of misclosures with adjacent surveys.
295 31 25	-	-	1,767 36	-	Complete under contract and instructions, \$28 24—general appropriation, surveys of claims.
308 17 12	-	-	1,232 85	-	Complete, notes approved
1,106 01 26	-	-	1,918 59	5,823 52	Work returned; not approved; waiting the report of an examination; order in the field by E. D. Richardson and A. J. Powell, order dated October 21, 1842.
109 59 68	-	-	658 47	-	Complete, notes approved.
182 58 09	-	-	1,461 81	-	Complete, notes approved.
100 20 73	-	-	400 03	-	Whole work not returned; claim of Antoine Folse, No. 100, to be surveyed and located.
241 50 01	-	-	-	1,933 00	Amount claimed; estimated for by H. T. Williams, at \$4; blank in contract not filled with the allowance per mile; parties claim \$8 per mile.
756 58 60	-	-	5,026 77	-	Notes approved by H. T. Williams, accounts paid.
161 65 77	-	-	-	407 29	Notes examined and approved.
54 22 22	-	-	-	217 11	Do do do.
47 17 39	-	-	188 86	-	Do do do.
272 35 70	-	Bal. relinquished.	1,089 78	-	Notes examined and approved; southeastern district, township 5 south, range 9 east, relinquished; recontracted to A. Crawford.
324 27 45	-	-	-	1,297 37	Notes examined and approved.
90 77 01	-	-	-	363 85	Notes not approved; waiting report of examination in the field, by E. D. Richardson and A. J. Powell; order dated October 21, 1842.

## STATEMENT

Dates.	By whom.	Districts.	Time allowed.	Estimated No. of miles.	Price per mile.	Amount of contracts.
Nov. 12, 1840	G. S. & W. T. Walmsley.	Northwestern district.	Mos. 8	62½	\$4	\$250
Nov. 20, 1840	H. O. Terrell	Southwestern district.	6	187½	8	1,500
Nov. 23, 1840	J. H. Dickerson	Do	7½	125	8	1,000
Dec. 1, 1840	G. F. Connelly	St. Helena district	4	166½	6	1,000
Dec. 17, 1840	George B. Stewart	Southwestern district.	3½	75	8	600
Jan. 14, 1841	E. D. Richardson	District north of Red river.	4½	125	4	500
April 20, 1841	A. L. Fields	Southwestern district.	4	312½	8	2,500
Dec. 27, 1841	Campbell & Walsh	Southwestern district.	4 { 264	144 264	8 { 4 {	2,208
Jan. 15, 1842	Crawford & Mullett	Southeastern district.	3	83	6	498
Jan. 17, 1842	Rightor & McCollam	Southeastern district.	3	140	8	1,120
Oct. 3, 1842	E. D. Richardson and A. J. Powell.	Southeastern district.	8 { 600	120 600	6 8	720 4,800
Oct. 3, 1842	Walsh & Campbell	Southwestern district.	8 { 128	276 128	4 8	1,024 1,104
Oct. 22, 1842	Boyd & Warren	Do	9	640	8	5,120
Oct. 28, 1842	Andrew Crawford	Southeastern district.	-	120	6 and 8	1,380

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Donaldsonville, Louisiana, October 28, 1842.

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Whole number of miles returned.	Miles suspended, included in returns.	Miles relinquished.	Amounts paid on account.	Amounts due.	Remarks.
<i>mi. chs. lks.</i>					
-	-	-	-	-	Work returned, examined, and correct; claims approved July 6, 1842, to be located; the miles and amount <i>now due</i> not entered, as they will be changed by final returns. (See list of contracts, October 21, 1842.)
-	-	-	-	-	Work mostly returned, examined, and in course of examination. (See list dated October 21, 1842.) About 600 miles will be returned.
-	-	-	-	-	Work mostly returned, examined, and in course of examination. (See list dated October 21, 1842.) About 550 miles will be returned.
234 52 24	-	Bal. relinquished.	\$1,407 91	-	Full payment of this account was not made until old work of the contractor, in district north of Red river, had been corrected under my instructions.
-	-	-	-	-	Contractor deceased, whilst closing his work. (See list of October 21, 1842.) Work to be returned by curator of his estate; amount of miles, 250; required for correct returns.
211 15 68	-	-	844 78	-	Notes examined and approved.
-	-	-	-	-	Returned, examined, and in course of examination. (See list of October 21, 1842.) The amount of miles returned will be about 566.
405 33 94	-	-	2,175 34	-	Contract complete; notes examined and approved; 139 miles, 32 chains, 91 links, at \$8; and 267 miles, 1 chain, 91 links, at \$4.
-	-	-	-	-	Time extended on account of high water, returns daily expected.
138 12 78	-	-	1,105 28	-	This work was chiefly performed before the contract was signed; and the contract was made in order to secure the return, there being <i>no contract with the parties covering it</i> . It has been examined, and is correct, according to the return notes.
-	-	-	-	-	Part of this contract formerly Vanzandt's.
-	-	-	-	-	Township 5 south, range 9 east, of this contract, relinquished by J. G. Berry.

F. D. NEWCOMB,  
Surveyor General, Louisiana.

*Estimates of the number of miles proposed to be surveyed of original work, and for correction and completion of old work, in the land district of Louisiana.]*

Districts, &c.	Number of miles.	General appropriation.	Augmented prices.	Remarks.
<i>District north of Red river.</i>				
Townships 21, 22, and 23, north, range 4 east; townships 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, north, range 5 east; townships 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, north, range 6 east; townships 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, north, range 7 east; townships 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, north, ranges 8 and 9 east; townships 20, 21, 22, and 23, north, range 10 east.	2,484	\$9,936	-	Previously estimated for thirty-five townships included in claim of Baron Bastrop.
Township 23 north, range 3 east, to complete 24 miles; townships 15, 16, and 17, north, range 2 east, 192 miles.	216	864	-	Included in last estimates.
Part of the lines of sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 13, township 16, range 14 east.	11	44	-	Order for the survey given to J. G. Berry, August 26, 1842.
Townships 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, north, ranges 3 and 4 east; townships 13, 14, and 20, north, ranges 3 and 4 east. } marking, measuring, and establishing corners - }	1,152	4,608	-	Old work of William McFarland, not performed, on the ground reported in my letter of May 25, 1842.
Township 13 north, range 5 east; township 12 north, ranges 4 and 5 east.	100	-	\$800	Included in last estimates.
<i>Northwestern district.</i>				
Township 5 north, range 4 west; township 6 north, ranges 3 and 4, (correction of dividing township lines.)	20	-	160	Location of claims and connexions.
Township 6 north, range 5 west—an entire resurvey necessary	115	-	920	Correction of errors in old surveys. (See letter to Commissioner, October 13, 1842.)
Townships 8, 9, and 10, north, range 7 west	60	-	240	Corrections and locations of claims.
Townships 12 to 23, inclusive, range 16 west, establishing section and quarter section posts.	71	284	-	On boundary line between the United States and Texas.



*Southwestern district.*

Townships 7, 8, and 9, south, range 13 west; townships 7 and 8 south, ranges 11 and 12 west, (144 miles at \$8, and 264 miles at \$4.)	408	1,056	1,152	Included in last estimates; old contract of T. Bilbo, contracted to Walsh & Campbell; paid third quarter 1842, \$2,175 34.
Township 2 north, range 3 east; township 3 north, range 3 east, (45 miles;) township 15 south, ranges 11 and 12 east, (north side Grand lake.)	55	-	440	Contracted for to Walsh & Campbell, October, 1842; included in last estimates.
Township 10 south, range 7 west, (66 miles;) township 11 south, ranges 7 and 8 west, (138 miles;) township 12 south, range 8 west, (72 miles.)	276	1,104	-	
Townships 3 and 4 south, range 12 west; township 5 south, range 12 west; township 5 south, range 13 west; township 6 south, range 13 west; township 5 north, range 3 west.	73	-	584	
Township 3 north, range 2 west, (location of claims, 16 miles;) township 14 south, range 6 east; township 15 south, range 7 east, (location of claims and survey of two islands.)	16 60	64 -	- 480	Work neglected by Rightor & McCollam, under contract of October 10, 1837; township 14 south, range 6 east, and township 15 south, range 7 east. No authentic returns in this office—old work of William Johnson. Do. do. do. Contracted for by Boyd & Warren, October, 22, 1842.
Townships 10 and 11 south, ranges 3 and 4 east, requiring correction throughout.	320	-	2,560	
Townships 12 and 13 south, ranges 3, 4, and 5, east, req. cor.	320	-	2,560	
Township 11 south, range 6 east; townships 10, 11, and 12, south, range 7 east; townships 10, 11, and 12, south, range 8 east—formerly Vanzandt's contract.	320	-	2,560	

*St. Helena district.*

Township 4 south, range 14 east, (12 miles;) township 5 south, range 14 east, (20 miles;) township 6 south, ranges 14 and 15 east, (40 miles;) township 7 south, range 15 east, (30 miles)—amount required for general correction of this district.	102	-	816	Included in last estimates; contract to be taken by George Dougherty, previously estimated for \$10,000.
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*Southeastern district.*

Township 20, ranges 28 and 29—incorrect locations of claims (20 miles) west of Mississippi river.	20	-	160	Claims of Burat and others.
Township 9, range 1 east—location of claims and survey of public land, and corrections east of Mississippi river.	80	320	-	Order given to E. D. Richardson therefor, and work completed; not fully examined.
Township 13, range 13 east—locations 30 and 31	8	32	-	Order to Nathan Webster, August 26, 1842.

## ESTIMATE—Continued.

Districts, &c.	Number of miles.	General appropriation.	Augmented prices.	Remarks.
Township 13, range 14 east; township 14, range 15 east; township 15, range 16 east—west of Mississippi river.	70	\$280	-	Corrections and locations of claims.
South of Lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain—5 townships	300	-	\$2,400	Included in last estimates—contract to be taken by George Dougherty.
South and east of Lake Borgne, about 10 townships and fractional townships.	600	-	4,800	Included in last estimates—contract made with E. D. Richardson and A. J. Powell, October 3, 1842.
ownship 7 south, range 11 east, (west of Mississippi river;) part old work of Starkey's, not approved.	83	-	498	Amount of running not properly stated in last estimates—contracted for to Crawford & Mullett, January 15, 1842.
Township 5 south, ranges 9, 10, and 11, east, west of river	190	-	1,380	Contracted for to A. Crawford, October 28, 1842.
Townships 11 and 12 south, range 15 east; township 9 south, range 13 east.	120	-	720	Included in last estimates—contracted for to E. D. Richardson and A. J. Powell.
Township 13 south, range 18 east, (7 miles,) should have been returned by A. F. Rightor—contract 1st of December, 1838; township 13 south, range 19 east; township 14 south, ranges 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22; townships 15 and 16, ranges 20 and 21 east; township 16 south, range 18 east; township 18 south, range 16 east.	727	2,908	-	West of Mississippi river, and mostly adjacent to Lakes des Almands and Salvador.
Townships 18 and 20 south, range 25 east; townships 19 and 20 south, range 26 east; township 20 south, range 27 east; and township 21 south, range 29 east.	480	1,920	-	Adjacent to Lake Barrataria and the Gulf of Mexico.
Totals	8,857	23,420	24,230	

F. D. NEWCOMB,  
Surveyor General, Louisiana.

## SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

*Jackson, Mississippi, October 12, 1842.*

SIR: In compliance with your requisition of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit this my annual report, together with the following tabular statements and estimates of appropriations, viz:

1. Tabular statement (marked A) exhibiting the amount of labor performed in this office, since the date of the last annual report, to the 1st of October, 1842.

2. Tabular statement (marked B) exhibiting the amount of labor yet to be performed in this office, together with the amount of surveys that remain to be executed, and the probable amount of the surveys that will be required in the several land districts, in order to supply the deficiencies in the original notes of survey, many of which have been lost or destroyed.

3. Tabular statement marked C exhibits the several contracts for surveying, with names of contractors, date, and probable amount of contract, and price per mile, &c.

4. Statement marked D is an estimate of the appropriations for this office for the half year ending 30th of June, 1843.

5. Statement marked E is an estimate of the appropriations required for this office, for the year ending 30th of June, 1844.

By reference to the estimates of appropriations, you will discover that I have included all the appropriations that will be required for retracing old surveys in the estimate for the half year ending 30th of June, 1843. This was done for the purpose (should Congress make the appropriation) of enabling me to have that work executed as speedily as possible; and I must again take the liberty of urging upon the department the necessity of supplying, by a resurvey, the deficiencies that exist in the original field notes for the districts east and west of Pearl river—some of which have been burned, and others lost or destroyed. I have been, and am still, engaged in recording a *second time* the maps in those districts. This I have found to be absolutely necessary; and, in most instances, I have been compelled to have the township plats projected from the original field notes, in consequence of the erroneous projections of the original maps.

In the district west of Pearl river, I have gone over the original maps; and, from the field notes, myself and clerks have placed upon them the course and distance of each and every line for which field notes were to be found on file or on record—the maps originally being entirely deficient in that particular. This has also enabled me to ascertain the amount of resurveying in that district, which, I find, will be confined principally, if not entirely, west of the meridian of that district.

In the district east of Pearl river and south of the 31st degree of latitude, we are pursuing the same course that was adopted for the district west of Pearl river, and mentioned above; and have progressed from the Alabama line westward to range No. 7 west. Consequently, I am unable to ascertain, until we shall have completed the district, the amount of retracing to be done in that district, but have estimated it at 400 miles.

In the district north of the 31st degree of latitude, and east of Pearl river, nothing has yet been done by way of corrections; nor do I apprehend much difficulty in that district.

Colonel Rodgers, the examiner of the registers and receivers' offices in this State, informs me that there are a great number of private claims in

the district east of Pearl river yet to be located, and requested the register at Augusta to furnish me a list of the claims which have not been located, which I hope to receive shortly; and I would respectfully suggest the propriety of the department requiring that officer to furnish me with the orders of survey for all the private claims in that district which have not been located. I could then, probably, employ some competent surveyor to undertake their location. As the business is now situated, I find it extremely difficult to have a survey executed in that district for the price allowed by law for surveying the public lands, the surveyor generally being compelled to occupy twice or thrice the time in travelling to and from the field of operation that it would require to execute the survey; and, unless the individual owning the claim will agree to pay the extra expense, a surveyor cannot be induced to undertake the location; whereas, if the orders for all the claims in that district were issued, the surveyor could make several locations in the same neighborhood, without incurring any additional expense of time or labor.

It is confidently expected that the remaining townships in the Choctaw cessions of 1830 will be returned during the present fall and winter, there being at present engaged in those surveys several of the most experienced surveyors belonging to this department.

Should the department determine to have the resurveying mentioned above executed shortly, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of urging upon the next Congress the necessity of appropriating the sum stated in my estimate of appropriations, to wit: \$11,200, for the purpose of completing said resurveys; and, in the mean time, the department could authorize me to resume the retracing of some of those lines, at a price not exceeding \$4 east and \$6 west of Pearl river—which business has been suspended, in accordance with instructions from your predecessor.

There is yet a balance of the appropriation of \$17,200 unexpended, of about \$1,380, which will be available, should the department determine to go on with those surveys.

Herewith you will receive a general statement of disbursements on account of surveying and salaries, from the 4th of May, 1841, to the 30th of September, 1842, (marked F,) showing a balance in my hands, on the 1st of October, 1842, of \$832 86½.

Should the appropriations called for in the estimate for the half year ending 30th of June, 1843, be made, there will be no appropriations required for the year ending 30th of June, 1844, except for salary of surveyor general and clerks, and for office rent, fuel, and stationery, (estimated at \$4,600, as per statement marked E. All of which is respectfully submitted. Also, two diagrams of the surveying district are herewith sent.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

B. A. LUDLOW,  
*Surveyor south of Tennessee.*

THOS. H. BLAKE, Esq., *Commissioner.*

*Tabular statement of contracts for surveying in Mississippi, October, 1842.*

Date of contracts.	Contractors.	Time allowed.	Estimated number of miles under contract.	Price per mile.	Estimated amount of contract.	Miles returned to this office, and ready for settlement.	Miles returned to this office, and paid for.	Whole No. of miles ret'd to this office.	Miles which remain to be returned.	Amount paid on contract.	Remarks.
Feb. 28, 1840	G. M. Brown -	10	900	\$5	\$4,500 00	-	-	-	-	-	Contract expired, and part to Connely & Daniel.
Sept. 15, 1842	Connely & Daniel	6	750	8	6,000 00	-	-	-	750	-	Part of G. M. Brown's original contract; residuum to be completed by himself; work now progressing.
March 1, 1839	John Rayburn -	12	650	5	3,250 00	-	230	230	250	\$1,150 51	Part of this contract has been given to Daniel, and returned by him.
Feb. 18, 1841	R. W. Norris -	12	240	8	1,920 00	-	65	65	175	522 69	Work now progressing in field.
May 3, 1841	Carver & Monett	6	509	6 & 8	3,554 45	361	148	509	-	1,188 54	Contract completed.

B. A. LUDLOW,  
*Surveyor south of Tennessee.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, *October 12, 1842.*



## [ D. ]

*Estimate of appropriations that will be required for this office for the half year ending 30th June, 1843, viz :*

For retracing old surveys in the districts east and west of Pearl river, to supply the deficiencies that have been found to exist in the original notes of survey, and also those which have been lost or destroyed, in addition to former appropriations, say—

1,600 miles in district west of Pearl river, at \$6	-	-	\$9,600 00
400 miles in district east of Pearl river, at \$4	-	-	1,600 00

For retracing old surveys, to supply the deficiencies of the original notes of survey, in that portion lying north and east of the Tombigbee river, say 150 miles, at \$4	-	-	600 00
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For locating private claims in the district east of Pearl river, say 250 miles, at \$6	-	-	1,500 00
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For office rent and fuel	-	-	\$200 00
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For stationery, postage, and contingent expenses	-	-	150 00
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For salary of surveyor general	-	-	\$1,000 00
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For salary of chief clerk	-	-	600 00
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For salary of draughtsman	-	-	500 00
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For salary of extra clerks to record field notes	-	-	800 00
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For salary of extra clerks to transcribe field notes	-	-	150 00
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For salary of extra clerks to make out descriptive notes for register	-	-	1,000 00
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B. A. LUDLOW,

*Surveyor south of Tennessee.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, Jackson, Mississippi, October 12, 1842.

## [ E. ]

*Estimate of appropriations for the year ending the 30th June, 1844, viz :*

For salary of surveyor general	-	-	\$2,000 00
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For salary of chief clerk	-	-	1,200 00
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For salary of draughtsman	-	-	1,000 00
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4,200 00

For house rent, fuel, stationery, and postage	-	-	400 00
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4,600 00

B. A. LUDLOW,

*Surveyor south of Tennessee.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, Jackson, Mississippi, October 12, 1842.

[ F. ]

*General statement of receipts and disbursements of public moneys on account of surveying the public lands, and for salary, from the 4th of May, 1841, to the 30th of September, 1842, viz :*

Amount received on account of surveying :			
June, 1841	Draft on receiver at Jackson, Miss.	\$2,611 24	
June, 1841	Draft on Planters' Bank, at Natchez, Mississippi - - -	2,388 76	
Oct., 1841	Draft on receiver at Columbus, Mississippi - - -	11,476 14	
Oct., 1841	Draft on receiver at Jackson, Miss.	2,625 87	
Oct., 1841	Draft on receiver at Pontotoc, do.	1,897 99	
Feb., 1842	Draft on receiver at Columbus, do.	4,000 00	
Feb., 1842	Draft on receiver at Pontotoc, do.	1,000 00	
			\$26,000 00
Amount received on account of salary, viz :			
Nov., 1841	Two drafts on receiver at Columbus, Mississippi, for - - -	775 91	
Nov., 1841	One draft on custom-house, New Orleans, Louisiana - - -	1,398 64	
Feb., 1842	Draft on receiver at Jackson, Miss.	970 00	
Feb., 1842	Draft on receiver at Columbus, do.	80 00	
July, 1842	Draft on receiver at Columbus, do.	1,310 00	
Sept., 1842	Draft on receiver at Columbus, do.	1,457 76	
			5,992 31
			31,992 31
Amount disbursed for salaries, 2d, 3d, and 4th quarters of 1841 - - -			3,224 55
Amount disbursed for salaries, 1st, 2d, and 3d quarters of 1842 - - -			4,333 48
Surveying, 3d and 4th quarters of 1841 - - -			14,754 00
Surveying, 1st, 2d, and 3d quarters of 1842 - - -			8,590 24½
Surveying, for which informal vouchers were taken - - -			257 17
			31,159 44½
Balance due the United States - - -			832 86½

B. A. LUDLOW,  
Surveyor south of Tennessee.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, October 12, 1842.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Florence, Alabama, October 24, 1842.*

SIR: In compliance with your letter of the 24th ult., calling for the annual report of the operations of this surveying department during the year ending on the 30th ult., and the estimates requisite for the half year ending 30th June, 1843, and the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1844, I have to submit the following:

Shortly after the transmission of my last annual report of the 25th of October, 1841, your letter of the 28th of the same month, giving instructions for the *retracing* the old lines of the fifty townships in south Alabama, for which an appropriation had been made at the previous session of Congress, was received. As the most favorable season for field operations would have passed before the contracts could be prepared and entered into, and the necessary arrangements made, by the deputies, for entering the field, it was deemed best not to commence operations until the beginning of the new year, and the contracts were delayed until that period. In the mean time I engaged the services of six of my most skilful and experienced deputies for that work, the first of whom took the field about the beginning of the year, and the others following in January, March, and April. The four first have completed their contracts, made return of the same to this office, which have been examined and paid for in full. I am daily expecting the arrival of the last two at this office with their work, which will complete the survey of those townships for which the special appropriation was made.

The deputy, John James, who had been engaged in locating private claims in the St. Stephen's district, made return of his work in March last, as far as he had been able to complete the same. The funds applicable to that work being exhausted, and Congress having failed at their last session to make any further appropriations, the work must cease until Congress make the necessary appropriations.

My other deputy, David B. Scott, has also completed his contract, embracing the whole of the unfinished portions of townships between the Mobile and Tensaw rivers, above the city of Mobile, and south of the 31st degree parallel, and the location and survey of three large private claims south of the 31st degree, and returned the same to this office, which have been examined and paid for, which leaves me in advance for those "surveys at augmented prices," \$3,317 76, and for which I have to request an early appropriation on the part of Congress, or an advance from the general fund, if within the power of the Treasury Department.

The clerk and draughtsman in this office have been engaged in the examination and protractations of the contracts already returned, and have made out two copies of the plats and field notes, which will be transmitted to the General Land Office and the respective registers' offices as soon as they are compared and examined.

The three diagrams of the State of Alabama, herewith sent, exhibit the situation of the contracts which are complete, and those yet to be returned, and also the proposed new surveys during the half year 1843 and fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1844; and, with that view, I have to submit the following estimates, as required for those periods:

Survey, or retracing thirty townships to 30th of June, 1843,	
2,160 miles, at \$4 per mile - - - - -	\$8,640 00
Balance due me for surveys at augmented prices - - - - -	3,317 76
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	11,957 76
Less the amount due to the United States, on account, for incidental expenses - - - - -	1,649 45
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	10,308 31
Salary of draughtsman and clerk six months, as per act of 3d March, 1839 - - - - -	1,100 00
My own salary six months - - - - -	1,000 00
Office rent and fuel six months - - - - -	125 00
Contingent expenses - - - - -	100 00
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	12,633 31

And for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1844, the following sums :

Retracing fifty townships, seventy-two miles each, 3,600, at \$4 per mile - - - - -	\$14,400 00
Salary of clerk and draughtsman - - - - -	2,200 00
Salary of surveyor general - - - - -	2,000 00
Office rent and fuel - - - - -	250 00
Contingencies, such as postages, &c. - - - - -	200 00
Surveys, at augmented prices, north and south of 31st degree parallel, being private claims, at the rate of \$8 per mile - - - - -	2,500 00
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	21,550 00

Document marked A exhibits the unexpended balance of the public moneys in my hands on the 30th of September last, applicable to the surveys of the public lands, private claims, and the current expenses of this office.

I am, sir, with great respect, your obedient servant,

JAMES H. WEAKLEY,

*Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Alabama.*

Hon. THOMAS H. BLAKE,

*Comm'r General Land Office, Washington, D. C.*

[ A. ]

*General statement of disbursements for surveys in the district of Alabama, for the year ending 30th of September, 1842.*

1842.	Balance remaining in my hands on the 30th September, 1841	- - - - -	\$1,985 90
May 20	By Treasury draft No. 410, issued on Treasury warrant dated on 9th of May, 1842, on receiver of public moneys at Huntsville, Alabama	-	473 25
May 20	By Treasury notes remitted to me	-	4,526 75
Aug. 8	By Treasury draft No. 1,256, issued on Treasury warrant No. 2,261, dated the 29th of July, 1842, on receiver of public moneys at Lebanon, Ala.	-	10,000 00
			<hr/> 16,985 90
	<i>Disbursements.</i>		
1841.			
Dec. 31	Cash expended in 4th quarter of 1841	- \$110 25	
1842.			
Mar. 31	Cash expended in 1st quarter of 1842	- 129 69	
Mar. 31	Cash paid John James, surveys at augmented prices	- 1,354 80	
June 30	Cash expended in 2d quarter of 1842	- 56 40	
June 30	Cash expended in retracing surveys	- 8,040 36	
Sept. 30	Cash expended in 3d quarter of 1842	- 158 72	
Sept. 30	Cash expended in retracing surveys	- 2,990 64	
Sept. 30	Cash paid David B. Scott, for surveys at augmented prices	- 1,844 32	
			<hr/> 14,685 18
	Balance on hand 30th September, 1842	- -	2,300 72
	But from which is to be deducted the following amount, applicable for surveys daily expected to be returned to this office	- - -	3,969 00
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	Leaving this balance in my favor (when the surveys are returned and paid for, which will be within a few days)	- - -	1,668 28

JAMES H. WEAKLEY,  
*Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Alabama.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Florence, Alabama, October 24, 1842.*



*Tabular statements of contracts for surveying in the State of Alabama.*

Date.	By whom.	State or district.	Time allowed.	Estimated No. of miles in contract.	Price per mile.	Amount of contract.	Miles returned.	Miles relinquished.	Paid in full.	Remarks.
1840. July 16 -	David B. Scott -	Alabama -	2 years -	400	\$8	\$3,250 00	407.50	-	\$3,250 00	Complete; received and paid for in full.
1841. Dec. 29 -	William Weakley -	Alabama -	6 months	750	4	3,245 36	811.34	-	3,245 36	Complete; received and paid for in full.
1842. January 11	Samuel D. Weakley -	Alabama -	6 months	750	4	2,814 20	703.55	{ 60 miles relinquished on account of high water. }	2,814 20	Complete; received and paid for in full.
January 22	J. M. Cunningham -	Alabama -	6 months	750	4	2,990 64	747.66		2,990 64	Complete; received and paid for in full.
January 22	A. J. Coffee -	Alabama -	6 months	500	4	1,980 80	495.20		1,980 80	Complete; received and paid for in full.

*Unfinished contracts.*

March 23 -	John James -	Alabama -	6 months	500	\$4	\$2,000 00	-	-	-	{ Survey supposed to be complete, and returns expected daily.
April 23 -	Eli S. Thornton -	Alabama -	6 months	500	4	2,000 00	-	-	-	

JAMES H. WEAKLEY,  
*Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Alabama.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, FLORENCE, (ALA.,) *October 24, 1842.*

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL,  
Tallahassee, October 1, 1842.

SIR: I have the honor, in conformity with your request of the 24th of September, to make my annual report.

Accompanying you will receive two maps, same as those of the last year, with additions made thereon, showing, as nearly as practicable, the location of the proposed new surveys on the peninsula ordered by your letter of the 24th of September. The only survey made by this office during the past year was the town of St. Mark's and its dependencies, which was returned by my predecessor in February last, and which, being but a small piece of work, will effect no alteration on the map.

Document A is the "estimate of the number of miles and cost of the new surveys" now ordered.

Document B is the report of the only survey made during the year.

Estimate to embrace the fiscal year ending June 30, 1843:

Amount estimated for in document A, to prosecute the new surveys now ordered	-	-	-	-	-	\$20,000 00
Salaries and contingencies, estimated to embrace the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 1843, in compliance with act of Congress of the 26th of August, to define and establish the fiscal year of the Treasury of the United States:						
Surveyor general	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
Three clerks, (current duties)	-	-	-	-	-	1,500 00
Office rent and fuel	-	-	-	-	-	225 00
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
						<u>22,875 00</u>

Estimate for the fiscal year from June 30, 1843, to June 30, 1844:

Surveyor general's salary	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,000 00
Three clerks, (current duties)	-	-	-	-	-	3,000 00
Office rent and fuel	-	-	-	-	-	450 00
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
For prosecuting the surveys now commencing	-	-	-	-	-	30,000 00
						<u>35,750 00</u>

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

V. Y. CONWAY,  
Surveyor General.

THOMAS H. BLAKE, Esq.,  
Comm'r General Land Office.

[ A. ]

*Estimate of the number of miles and cost of new surveys ordered in Florida peninsula, by the Commissioner's instructions of the 24th of September, 1842.*

Location.	Exteriors.		Subdivisions.		Aggregate miles.
	Tps.	Miles.	Tps.	Miles.	
Near Fort King - - - -	18	216	} 10	600	972
Parallel east - - - -	-	12			
Near Okihumphy and Fort Armstrong -	12	144			
Near Fort Cooper, Chocochattee savanna, Chasahorritzka river, and Armuteliga lake	20	240	5	300	540
From the Withlacoochee to the Suwannee river - - - -	11	132	5	300	432
North of Manatee river and Tampa bay -	30	360	10	600	960
North of Charlotte harbor - - - -	25	300	5	300	600
On the St. John's river, above Lake George, embracing Forts Mellon, Lane, and Christ- mas - - - -	20	250	5	300	550
Parallel at Fort Christmas - - - -	-	80	-	-	80
Parallel at Fort Gardner - - - -	-	100	-	-	100
Standard meridian from Fort Dade to Fort Gardner - - - -	-	24	-	-	24
At Lake Tohopekallica - - - -	15	180	5	300	480
Total - - - -	151	2,038	45	2,700	4738

## RECAPITULATION.

Township exteriors and standard lines, 151 tps.=2,038 miles; section or subdivision lines, 45 tps.=2,700 miles—4,738 miles, at \$4 per mile - - - -	\$18,952
Contingencies, 262 miles, at \$4 per mile - - - -	1,048
Total cost - - - -	<u>20,000</u>

V. Y. CONWAY,  
*Surveyor General.*

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL,  
*Tallahassee, October 1, 1842.*

[ B. ]

*Tabular statement of contracts for surveying in the Territory of Florida.*

Date.	By whom.	Land district.	Time allowed.	Estimated number of miles in contract.	Rate per mile.	Am't of contract.	Whole No. of miles returned.	Miles suspended in miles returned.	Miles relinquished.	Amount paid on account.	Total.	Remarks.
Oct. 29, 1841	J. M. Irwin	West	1½ mos.	-	-	\$294 75	-	-	-	-	\$294 75	In full. This contract is the survey of the town of St. Mark's and its dependencies, running the dividing line between the claim of John Forbes and the United States, in conformity with the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States. Work returned, January 7, 1842.

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL,  
Tallahassee, October 1, 1842.

V. Y. CONWAY, *Surveyor General.*

## I. ESTIMATES

*Estimates of appropriations for the surveying department for the half year ending the 30th June, 1843.*

SALARIES.		
For compensation of the surveyor general northwest of the Ohio, per 10th section of the act of 18th May, 1796, (Laws U. S., vol. 2, p. 537) - - -	\$1,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 331) - - -	3,150	\$4,150
For compensation of the surveyor general of Illinois and Missouri, per 1st section of the act of 3d April, 1818, (Laws U. S., vol. 6, pages 266 and 267) - - -	1,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 331) - - -	1,910	2,910
For compensation of the surveyor general of Arkansas, per 3d section of the act of 15th June, 1832, (Laws U. S., vol. 8, p. 589) - - - - -	750	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 331) - - -	1,400	2,150
For compensation of the surveyor general of Louisiana, per 5th section of the act of 3d March, 1831, (Laws U. S., vol. 8, p. 500) - - - - -	1,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 331) - - -	1,250	2,250
For compensation of the surveyor general of Mississippi, per section 6 of the act of 27th March, 1804, (Laws U. S., vol. 3, p. 628) - - - - -	1,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 331) - - -	2,500	3,500
For compensation of the surveyor general of Alabama, per 1st section of the act of 20th April, 1818, (Laws U. S., vol. 6, pages 350 and 351) - - -	1,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 331) - - -	1,000	2,000
For compensation of the surveyor general of Florida, per 7th section of the act of 3d March, 1823, (Laws U. S., vol. 7, p. 149) - - - - -	1,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 331) - - -	1,750	2,750
For compensation of the surveyor general of Wisconsin and Iowa, per 3d section of the act of 12th June, 1838, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 780) - - -	750	



## ESTIMATE I—Continued.

For clerks in his office, per 3d section of the act of 12th June, 1838, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, p. 780) - - -	\$800	\$1,550
		21,260
For extra clerks in the offices of the surveyors general, to be apportioned to them according to exigencies of the public service, and including the existing undrawn balance of \$210 - - -	11,000	
For extra clerks in the office of the surveyor general of Wisconsin and Iowa, to transcribe field notes of survey for the purpose of preserving them at the seat of Government - - -	1,000	12,000
FOR SURVEYING.		
For the survey of private claims in Alabama, and their connexion with the adjacent public lands, at a rate not exceeding 8 dollars a mile, being in addition to the appropriation made for a similar object by the act of 6th April, 1838, and including a deficiency in the existing appropriation, of \$3,317 76, to pay for work already completed and returned - - -	5,800	
For retracing certain old surveys, in the State of Mississippi, at a rate not exceeding 8 dollars a mile, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation of the 8th May, 1840, for a similar object, and including \$1,500 for the survey of private claims, and connecting the same with the adjacent public lands, south of the 31st degree of latitude, at the same rate per mile - - -	11,000	
For surveys in Missouri, in the towns named in the act of 26th May, 1824, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation of 3d March, 1841, and for a similar object, including office work - - -	4,000	20,900
Total estimate - - -	-	54,160

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1842.

## K.

*Estimates of appropriations for the surveying department for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1844.*

SALARIES.		
For compensation of the surveyor general northwest of the Ohio, per 10th section of the act of 18th May, 1796, (Laws U. S., vol. 2, page 537) -	\$2,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 331) -	6,300	\$8,300
For compensation of the surveyor general of Illinois and Missouri, per 1st section of the act of 3d April, 1818, (Laws U. S., vol. 6, pages 266 and 267) -	2,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 331) -	3,820	5,820
For compensation of the surveyor general of Arkansas, per 3d section of the act of 15th June, 1832, (Laws U. S., vol. 8, page 589) -	1,500	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 331) -	2,800	4,300
For compensation of the surveyor general of Louisiana, per 5th section of the act of 3d March, 1831, (Laws U. S., vol. 8, page 500) -	2,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 331) -	2,500	4,500
For compensation of the surveyor general of Mississippi, per 6th section of the act of 27th March, 1804, (Laws U. S., vol 3, page 628) -	2,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 331) -	5,000	7,000
For compensation of the surveyor general of Alabama, per 1st section of the act of 20th April, 1818, (Laws U. S., vol. 6, pages 350 and 351) -	2,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 331) -	2,000	4,000
For compensation of the surveyor general of Florida, per 7th section of the act of 3d March, 1823, (Laws U. S., vol. 7, page 149) -	2,000	
For clerks in his office, per 1st section of the act of 9th May, 1836, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 331) -	3,500	5,500

## ESTIMATE K—Continued.

For compensation of the surveyor general of Wisconsin and Iowa, per 3d section of the act of 12th June, 1838, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 780) -	\$1,500	
For clerks in his office, per 3d section of the act of 12th June, 1838, (Laws U. S., vol. 9, page 780) -	1,600	\$3,100
		42,520
For extra clerks in the offices of the surveyors general, to be apportioned to them according to the exigencies of the public service -	10,000	
For extra clerks in the offices of the surveyors general, to transcribe field notes of survey for the purpose of preserving them at the seat of Government, in addition to the unexpended balances of former appropriations for similar objects, as follows :		
For the office of the surveyor general northwest of the Ohio -	4,500	
For the office of the surveyor general of Illinois and Missouri -	2,000	16,500
		59,000
FOR SURVEYING.		
For surveying the public lands, in addition to the unexpended balance of former appropriations, hereby reappropriated, to be apportioned to the several surveying districts according to the exigencies of the public service -	40,000	
For the survey of small detached tracts situated in Illinois and Missouri, principally in the military district of Illinois, at a rate not exceeding six dollars a mile, and including office work -	3,000	43,000
Total estimate -		102,020

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, December 1, 1842.

*Statement of the residue of the nett proceeds of the public lands sold in the half year ending 30th June, 1842, distributable among the several States and Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia, according to the act of Congress of 4th September, 1841.*

States and Territories containing public lands.	Amount of the purchase money of the public lands sold in the half year ending 30th June, 1842.	Amount of the repayments during said period for lands erroneously entered, as appears from the accounts of the receivers of public moneys.	Amount of repayments under the act of 12th January, 1825, for lands illegally sold, ordered at the Treasury Department during said half year, and covered by warrants passed to the credit of receivers in said period.	Amount of the "gross proceeds" of the public lands sold in said half year, deducting all repayments (for erroneous and illegal entries) during said period.	Amount of salaries and incidental expenses of the General Land Office for said half year.	Amount of disbursements by the surveyors general for surveys during said half year.	Amount of expenditures in the offices of the surveyors general for salaries, &c., during said half year.	Amount of incidental expenses paid at the land offices, including salaries, commissions, and allowances for the transportation of the public moneys in said half year.	Amount of the 5 per cent. fund payable to, and reserved for, the use of States, according to the several compacts admitting them into the Union, arising from the proceeds of the public lands sold therein during said half year.	Amount of the additional allowance to said States of 10 per cent. of the "nett proceeds" of the public lands sold therein during the said half year, per statement N, the said nett proceeds amounting to the sum of \$547,929 94.	Amount of the residue of the nett proceeds of the public lands sold in the said half year, distributable among the several States and Territories and the District of Columbia, in proportion to their respective federal numbers.
Ohio -	\$13,689 93	\$405 66	\$750 00	\$12,534 27	-	-	-	\$3,263 47	\$501 04	\$923 64	} 562,144 18
Indiana -	40,720 89	1,595 36	-	39,125 53	-	-	-	4,960 20	1,708 27	2,833 12	
Illinois -	410,103 85	7,660 76	280 03	402,163 06	-	-	-	15,214 02	19,361 45	29,635 02	
Missouri -	114,650 22	622 27	195 01	113,832 94	-	-	-	6,492 74	5,376 76	8,388 24	
Arkansas -	18,783 72	388 03	100 00	18,295 69	-	-	-	3,401 81	749 69	1,348 19	
Louisiana -	42,549 82	4,172 50	-	38,377 32	52,751 52	48,037 40	28,146 72	7,127 07	1,562 51	2,827 99	
Mississippi -	34,139 50	1,371 40	249 58	32,518 52	-	-	-	2,674 85	1,504 66	2,396 26	
Alabama -	72,523 31	1,295 12	-	71,228 19	-	-	-	6,147 88	3,254 02	5,248 74	
Michigan -	15,594 68	100 00	-	15,494 68	-	-	-	2,610 12	644 23	1,141 79	
Wisconsin -	50,716 50	303 00	-	50,408 50	-	-	-	2,420 85	-	-	
Iowa -	40,359 90	400 00	-	39,959 90	-	-	-	1,738 86	-	-	
Florida -	3,808 72	530 62	-	3,278 10	-	-	-	629 39	-	-	
Totals -	857,641 04	18,849 72	1,574 62	\$37,216 70	52,751 52	48,037 40	28,146 72	56,681 26	34,662 63	54,792 99	562,144 18

## M.

*Statement showing the respective shares of the several States and Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia, under the distribution act of 4th September, 1841, of the residue of the nett proceeds of the public lands sold in the half year ending 30th June, 1842, amounting to the sum of five hundred and sixty-two thousand one hundred and forty-four dollars and eighteen cents, as per statement herewith, marked L.*

States and Territories and District of Columbia.	Free population.	Slaves.	Federal numbers.	Distributive shares.
Maine - - -	501,793	-	501,793	\$17,554 90
New Hampshire - -	284,573	1	284,574	9,955 64
Massachusetts - -	737,698	1	737,699	25,807 92
Rhode Island - -	108,825	5	108,828	3,807 28
Connecticut - -	309,998	17	310,008	10,845 43
Vermont - - -	291,948	-	291,948	10,213 61
New York - - -	2,428,917	4	2,428,919	84,974 15
New Jersey - - -	372,632	674	373,036	13,050 42
Pennsylvania - -	1,723,969	64	1,724,007	60,313 27
Delaware - - -	75,480	2,605	77,043	2,695 30
Maryland - - -	380,282	89,737	434,124	15,187 54
Virginia - - -	790,810	448,987	1,060,202	37,090 48
North Carolina - -	507,602	245,817	655,092	22,917 97
South Carolina - -	267,360	327,038	463,583	16,218 15
Georgia - - -	410,448	280,944	579,014	20,256 43
Alabama - - -	337,224	253,532	489,343	17,119 35
Mississippi - - -	180,440	195,211	297,567	10,410 19
Louisiana - - -	183,959	168,452	285,030	9,971 59
Tennessee - - -	646,151	183,059	755,986	26,447 68
Kentucky - - -	597,570	182,258	706,925	24,731 31
Ohio - - -	1,519,464	3	1,519,466	53,157 53
Indiana - - -	685,863	3	685,865	23,994 54
Illinois - - -	475,852	331	476,051	16,654 33
Missouri - - -	325,462	58,240	360,406	12,608 57
Arkansas - - -	77,639	19,935	89,600	3,134 60
Michigan - - -	212,267	-	212,267	7,426 03
Wisconsin - - -	30,934	11	30,941	1,082 45
Iowa - - -	43,096	16	43,106	1,508 03
Florida - - -	28,760	25,717	44,190	1,545 96
District of Columbia -	39,018	4,694	41,834	1,463 53
Total - - -	14,576,034	2,487,356	16,068,447	562,144 18



N.

*Statement of the additional allowance to the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Michigan, of 10 per cent. of the nett proceeds of the public lands sold in the half year ending 30th June, 1842, under the distribution act of 4th September, 1841, according to the mode prescribed by the First Comptroller of the Treasury.*

The total amount of the purchase money of the public lands sold in the States and Territories in said half year, is -	\$857,641 04
The amount of repayments during the said period, for erroneous and illegal entries by receivers of the public moneys, and by warrants from the Treasury, is -	20,424 34
Leaving, as the gross proceeds of the lands for the said half year, the sum of -	837,216 70
The expenditures for the said period, chargeable to the public lands, agreeably to the above act, are as follows :	
1st. Salaries and expenses of the General Land Office	\$52,751 52
2d. Surveying expenses - - - -	48,037 40
3d. Salaries and expenses in the offices of the surveyors general - - - -	23,146 72
4th. Salaries, commissions, and allowances, to registers and receivers - - - -	56,681 26
5th. The amount of the 5 per cent. fund - - -	34,662 63
Making, together, the sum of - - -	220,279 53

Then, as the total amount of the gross proceeds, \$837,216 70, is to the whole amount of expenses, \$220,279 53, so is the amount of the gross proceeds in each State to its proportion of the whole expenses. For instance, the gross proceeds of the sales in Illinois amount to the sum of \$402,163 06; therefore, as \$837,216 70 : \$220,279 53 :: \$402,163 06 : \$105,812 86, leaving, as the nett proceeds for Illinois, \$296,350 20; 10 per cent. on which amounts to \$29,635 02.

## STATEMENT N—Continued.

States and Territories.	Gross proceeds of lands sold in the States and Territories, per statement marked L.	Proportion of expenses to be deducted, amounting to \$220,279 53, per statement marked L.	Nett proceeds of sales, after deducting proportion of expenses from the gross proceeds.	Additional allowance of 10 per cent. to each of the new States on the nett proceeds of sales therein.
Ohio -	\$12,534 27	\$3,297 58	\$9,236 39	\$932 64
Indiana -	39,125 53	10,294 29	28,831 24	2,883 12
Illinois -	402,163 06	105,812 86	296,350 20	29,635 02
Missouri -	113,832 94	29,950 51	83,882 43	8,388 24
Arkansas -	18,295 69	4,813 78	13,481 91	1,348 19
Louisiana -	38,377 32	10,097 43	28,279 89	2,827 99
Mississippi -	32,518 52	8,555 92	23,962 60	2,396 26
Alabama -	71,228 19	18,740 80	52,487 39	5,248 74
Michigan -	15,494 68	4,076 79	11,417 89	1,141 79
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Wisconsin	743,570 20	195,640 26	547,929 94	
Iowa	93,646 50	24,639 27	69,007 23	
Florida				
Total -	837,216 70	220,279 53	616,937 17	54,792 99

## O.

*Memoranda in relation to the pre-emption laws.*

Under the laws of 22d June, 1838, and of 1st June, 1840, pre-emption claimants are required to file a certain affidavit, which is declared essential to the issuing of a patent on the entry which may be made under either of said acts. In some cases the claimant neglects to file this affidavit, and dies before it can be obtained, after its absence is known to this office. In other cases the claimants die before making proof of their right, (being allowed to make such proof at any time within a year after the plat of the land claimed shall be filed in the register's office,) and the heirs are desirous of securing the right within the time so fixed by the law. In neither of these cases can the affidavit, now necessary *under the law*, be filed; and yet the absence of this, in justice, should not deprive the heirs of the benefit of the particular provision made in the law for their ancestor, if the *facts* required to be sworn to can be shown in any other manner.

Difficulties, similar to those last mentioned, arise in reference to cases under the act of 4th September, 1841, where a like affidavit is necessary before *an entry* is authorized: and in case of the death of the claimant without filing it, the claim is lost. A provision of law which would authorize the administrator or executor of the claimant, or his oldest heir, if of competent age, to take such affidavit, in existing as well as future cases,

would afford a remedy, and enable the heirs of claimants to secure the homes created for them by the industry and labor of their ancestor.

The 3d section of the act of 1st June, 1840, grants to settlers on a 16th section the right of locating any other quarter section in the same land district, to which no other person has the *right of pre-emption*. This provision, experience has taught, is one of great hardship, since it has been made use of to deprive others of valuable improvements made on public land, because such improvements were not made in time, or were not of the character to entitle the party making them to a *pre-emption right*. The spirit of the law being to *protect actual settlers*, this provision would seem to require amendment, so far as to prohibit the location of claims arising under it on any land cultivated by or in the actual occupancy of another, except with such person's consent.

The act of 4th September, 1841, (15th section,) requires of every claimant on land subject to *private entry* a declaration of intention to claim the benefit of the provisions of said act. This declaration is to be filed within a certain period after his settlement, and then protects the land from sale for a year after said settlement. It has been officially reported to the General Land Office, by some of the district land officers, that such declarations are, in many instances, filed for the purpose merely of preventing the land from being entered by another for the time above mentioned, the party filing the same being engaged during that period in stripping the land of its timber, and committing other waste thereon; then abandoning his pretended claim, after that object is effected, to make a new declaration for another tract, with a similar design. As the law prohibits any person from acquiring more than *one* right of pre-emption by virtue of its provisions, and designed, in granting the privilege above referred to, to give to settlers on land subject to *private entry* the period of a year to make payment thereon, it seems to have been intended that this privilege should be enjoyed but *once*.

To effect that object, and stay the bad use now made of such privilege, the law should declare that no person filing a declaratory statement for one tract of land should be privileged to file another for a different tract, or some remuneration for the damage on the land might be secured, by requiring of every one filing such a declaration the payment to the receiver of a certain proportion of the purchase money, to be forfeited to the Government in the event of an abandonment of his claim.

The 11th section of the act of 4th September, 1841, declares that, where there are *two or more* persons settled on the same quarter section of land, the *right of pre-emption* shall be in him or her who made the *first* settlement, &c. By the 14th section of the said act, proof and payment are not required to be made until just *prior to the commencement* of a public sale, in which the land claimed may be embraced. Under these circumstances, it may so happen that the *first settler*, (who is the only one entitled to the right of pre-emption,) desirous of obtaining the longest time for making payment, may defer the filing of his proofs, &c., to the last moment allowed by law, and may then find that *one* of the *other settlers* on the same quarter section has long prior to that time filed proof of a right on his part, got the certificate of entry, and possibly the patent on such entry. There should be some provision requiring such first settler (on land not yet proclaimed and offered at public sale) to make known his claim, in writing, to the register or receiver, within some definite period after his settlement;

otherwise his claim to be forfeited, and the next settler who had given such notice of his claim be declared entitled. This would prevent difficulties, which cannot fail to arise under the existing state of the law, and would not affect the right of the *first* settler as to the time of making his payment, that remaining as before.

Vacancies in the land offices frequently happen, at periods when the pre-emption laws require certain things to be done by claimants—for instance, the filing of proof satisfactory to *both officers*, and making payment to the *receiver* within a year after the filing of the plats; in cases under acts of 1834, 1838, and 1840, the filing of declaratory statements with the *register*, within 30 days after the settlement of a claimant, under act of 4th September, 1841, &c. Such vacancies render it impossible to comply with such requisitions, which, nevertheless, are essential to the establishment of such right of pre-emption, and some statutory provision should be made for such contingencies.

[To be annexed to Doc. No. 18.]

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*Reports of the Surveyors General of the State of Arkansas and of the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa.*

JANUARY 19, 1843.

Referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, January 18, 1843.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, reports of the surveyor general of the State of Arkansas and of the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, which were not included among the communications from surveyors general, (marked G,) accompanying the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office communicated to the House of Representatives at the present session of Congress.

The reports herewith transmitted were not received at the General Land Office in time to be communicated with the Commissioner's annual report.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. FORWARD,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

HON. JOHN WHITE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, LITTLE ROCK,

November 9, 1842.

SIR: In accordance with your letter of the 24th September last, the following report of the condition of the surveys in this State, for the year ending 30th September, 1842, with the accompanying documents, is respectfully submitted.

A is a diagram\* of this surveying district, showing the extent of the public surveys, and the progress made in transcribing the field notes of



survey for transmission to the seat of Government, designating those copied and sent from those copied but not sent.

B is a tabular statement of contracts for surveying, which have been finished and fully paid for, as well as those which have been closed by relinquishment, between the dates 30th September, 1841, and 1842.

C Nos. 1 and 2 are tabular statements showing the condition of contracts for surveying which were unfinished on the 30th September, 1842.

All the country which was authorized to be surveyed by the Commissioner's letter of the 16th October, 1841, and the three townships subsequently ordered, except 240 miles of exteriors, have been put under contract, and about four-fifths of the whole surveyed and paid for.

The contracts embraced in those orders, which remain to be finished, will, I confidently believe, be completed, and the returns thereof made to this office, by the end of next December.

The returns made by Mr. Rawls, under his contract of the 6th February, 1837, in which there are many inaccuracies in the surveys, besides being only copies instead of his original field notes, and for the correction and adjustment of which sufficient time was allowed, have at length, after that time was suffered by him to pass without having made an effort towards the arrangement of the matter, been finally rejected. Three of Rawls's rejected townships were given, but a few days since, to another deputy to survey, who at once proceeded to their execution. The remaining two will also be contracted for in a few days.

Ferguson and Grier's contracts of the 27th October, 1836, and 19th December, 1838, and Rust and Watson's of the 30th August, 1837, are the only contracts of long standing, the completion of which I cannot look forward to with any degree of certainty. If, however, their promises can be relied upon, their contracts will be closed at no distant day.

D Nos. 1 and 2 are the estimates of the expenses of this office for the eighteen months beginning on the 1st day of January, 1843, and ending the 30th June, 1844.

E is a list of townships which are recommended for survey during the following year. Besides the many townships mentioned in this list, valuable for the quality of the soil, the survey of which will be advantageous both to the settler and the General Government, there are also some others, the survey of which is equally important, on account of the quantities and value of different kinds of mineral deposits with which they are said to abound. By reference to statement marked C No. 1, it will be seen that, of the surveying which is now under contract, there are 413 miles returned to this office, and ready for settlement; 1,100 miles suspended, on account of inaccuracies that exist in the surveys; and 1,659 miles which remain to be returned—making, in all, 3,172 miles of surveying now under contract, yet to be paid for, the principal portion of which being at four, and some at six dollars per mile, will make the aggregate cost of the same about \$12,700. This amount, added to the estimated cost of the proposed new surveys and the cost of the 240 miles of exteriors, before alluded to as not yet contracted for, will make the sum total required for surveying in this district \$32,820.

In the estimates of the expenses of this office, (see D Nos. 1 and 2) you will find two items—one for an additional regular clerk, at \$800 per annum, and the other for an extra recording clerk, at \$1,000, to be paid by the hundred words.

The objects designed to be accomplished by this additional force are, to furnish the registers of the different land offices with the descriptive lists of the townships, the plats of which have been sent to their offices, and to record, for use and preservation at this office, all the field notes.

The descriptive lists for which such frequent applications have been made at this and the register's offices, by those who wish to have their land laid off, and which cannot be correctly done by the county surveyor without them, should, for the accommodation of those persons, be furnished to the register's offices with as little delay as possible.

The recording of the field notes of survey, for use and preservation, in this office, was, as you will find, recommended in my last annual report. It seems to me to be wholly useless to enter into a prolix detail of the benefits to be derived from the adoption of this measure, when its acknowledged necessity by Congress is sufficiently proved by the fact of appropriations having been made for the accomplishment of that object in other surveyors' offices; and if it has been sanctioned in those offices, on account of the defective manner in which the old original notes were taken and kept in the field, and their consequent unsuitableness as permanent records, the necessity of the adoption of the measure on that ground, in this office, is as great, I expect, as it can be in any other.

The force of this office, at the present time, consists of three regular clerks, at stated salaries, and an extra draughtsman, whose united labors are barely sufficient to transact the ordinary and indispensable business of the office, independent of making out descriptive lists or recording field notes. When this fact is taken in connexion with those stated immediately previous, and a comparison is made between the number of clerks employed in this and other offices, the application for additional force cannot be considered unreasonable. I hope, therefore, that appropriations will be made as estimated for.

The internal business operations of this office have been industriously prosecuted since the last report, and as much accomplished as the number of clerks would permit. During the interval between the dates 30th September, 1841, and 1842, there have been draughted from the original field notes 84 township plats, for the use of this office, and 181 township plats made and sent to the general and district land offices.

There are 107 townships which have been returned to this office and paid for, the plats of which were due both the general and district land offices on the 30th September, 1842.

F is an account current of the disbursements made by me of the surveying fund, since my last annual report.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM PELHAM,

*Surveyor Public Lands in Arkansas.*

THOMAS H. BLAKE, Esq.,

*Commissioner General Land Office.*

*Tabular statement of contracts for surveying in Arkansas, which have been completed and paid for between the dates 30th September, 1841, and 30th September, 1842, and for which proper vouchers have been rendered, including, also, those which have been relinquished.*

Date of contract or instructions.	Contractors.	State.	Time allowed—months.	Price per mile.	Whole No. of miles returned to this office.	Miles relinquished.	Am't paid on account.	Remarks.
Feb. 6, 1837	John H. Rawls	- Arkansas -	12	\$4 -	350	200	-	The surveys which were returned by Mr. Rawls have all been rejected, and will be given to some other deputy to resurvey. The miles relinquished have been surveyed by Messrs. Clark and Brookie, under contract of the 14th October, 1841.
Dec. 18, 1837	William Pelham and Philip W. Roberts.	- Do -	12	3 & \$4	454	60	\$1,566 53	See voucher No. 4, first quarter 1840; voucher No. 14, second quarter 1842; and voucher No. 8, third quarter 1842.
Feb. 1, 1841	Charles E. Moore	- Do -	4	4 -	372	-	1,489 62	See voucher No. 4, second quarter 1841, and voucher No. 3, first quarter 1842.
Feb. 22, 1841	Israel M. Moore	- Do -	4	3 & \$4	269	-	955 76	See voucher No. 2, second quarter 1841, and voucher No. 10, second quarter 1842.
March 6, 1841	Leroy Williams	- Do -	4	3 -	319½	-	958 97	See voucher No. 2, third quarter 1841, and voucher No. 1, first quarter 1842.
Oct. 14, 1841	Israel M. Moore	- Do -	-	6 -	42	-	252 10	See voucher No. 2, second quarter 1842.
Oct. 14, 1841	John Clark and A. V. Brookie.	- Do -	3	4 -	306	-	1,226 73	See voucher No. 13, first quarter 1842, and voucher No. 9, third quarter 1842.
Nov. 21, 1841	Gilbert Marshall	- Do -	3	3 -	122	-	365 44	See voucher No. 8, second quarter 1842.
Dec. 4, 1841	John E. Graham	- Do -	4	3 & \$4	346	-	1,285 87	See voucher No. 16, second quarter 1842, and voucher No. 7, third quarter 1842.
Dec. 11, 1841	Samuel Johnson	- Do -	4	4 -	322	-	1,289 04	See voucher No. 6, first quarter 1842, and voucher No. 17, second quarter 1842.
Dec. 17, 1841	Richard L. Wilson	- Do -	4	3 -	295	-	885 86	See voucher No. 11, second quarter 1842.



*Tabular statement of contracts for surveying in Arkansas, which are unfinished and not fully paid for, on this day, September 30, 1842.*

Nos. correspond- ing to those in statement C No. 2.	Date of contract or in- structions.	Contractors.	Time allowed—months.	Estimated No. of miles in contract.	Price per mile.	Estimated amount of contract.	Miles returned to this office, and ready for settlement.	Miles returned to this office and paid for.	Miles suspended, in which corrections are to be made.	Whole No. of miles re- turned to this office.	Miles relinquished.	Miles which remain to be returned.	Amount paid on con- tract.	Remarks.
1	1836. Oct. 27	William D. Ferguson and And'w J. Grier.	18	1000	\$4 -	\$4,000	-	-	269	269	731	-	-	The principal part of the 731 miles relinquished has been surveyed by Samuel Johnson, D. S., under contract of the 11th April, 1839.
2	1837. Aug. 30	Albert Rust and Shel- ton Watson.	12	960	3 -	2,880	400	-	480	880	-	150	-	
3	Dec. 19	Charles H. Pelham -	12	340	3 & 3/4	1,250	-	422	-	422	-	80	\$1,494 63	See voucher No. 3, fourth quarter 1839, and voucher No. 1, fourth quarter 1840. The 80 miles not returned are finished, I have been informed, and will be sent in soon.
4	1838. June 6	Francis Woodward -	4	42	6 -	250	13	-	-	13	29	-	-	The relinquished part of this contract has been surveyed by J. M. Moore, under contract of the 14th October, 1841.
5	Dec. 19	William D. Ferguson and And'w J. Grier.	15	500	4 -	2,000	-	-	31	31	-	469	-	
6	1839. Oct. 30	Leroy Williams -	12	360	4 -	1,440	-	105	200	305	-	90	420 26	See voucher No. 4, first quarter 1841.
7	Oct. 30	Leroy Williams and Horace B. Allis.	18	246	6 -	1,476	-	210	-	210	-	80	1,261 14	See voucher No. 7, first quarter 1841; voucher No. 2, first quarter 1842; and voucher No. 1, second quarter 1842. Surveys progressing.
8	1841. Dec. 10	Allen Martin -	4	396	3 -	1,190	-	364	-	364	-	12	1,090 93	See voucher No. 4, first quarter 1842.



9	Dec. 11	C. E. & J. M. Moore	4	500	4	-	2,000	-	434	-	434	-	88	1,737 10	See voucher No. 3, first quarter 1842, and vouchers Nos. 6 and 10, second quarter 1842. Surveys progressing.
10	Dec. 22	John W. Garretson	4	300	4	-	1,200	-	194	-	194	-	96	775 12	See voucher No. 5, first quarter 1842.
11	Dec. 30 1842.	John R. Conway	4	416	3	-	1,250	-	178	-	178	-	252	533 96	See voucher No. 3, second quarter 1842.
12	Jan. 12	Leroy Williams	4	233	3	-	700	-	164	60	224	-	-	491 66	See voucher No. 7, second quarter 1842.
13	Jan. 13	Lewis Evans	4	360	3	-	1,080	-	302	60	362	-	-	907 60	See voucher No. 3, third quarter 1842.
14	Jan. 19	Gilbert Marshall	-	60	3	-	180	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	
15	Feb. 8	Caleb Langtree	4	245	3 & \$4	-	800	-	190	-	190	-	60	635 56	See voucher No. 4, third quarter 1842. Surveys progressing.
16	Mar. 14	John Clark and A. Bowman.	3	298	3 & \$4	-	1,000	-	191	-	191	-	126	573 30	See voucher No. 9, second quarter 1842.
17	Mar. 31	John W. Garretson	-	96	4	-	384	-	-	-	-	-	96	-	Surveys progressing.
Total			-	-	-	-	-	413	-	1,100	-	-	1659	-	

WILLIAM PELHAM,  
Surveyor Public Lands in Arkansas.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, LITTLE ROCK, September 30, 1842.

*Tabular statement, in which the unfinished contracts for surveying in Arkansas are described by the numbers of the townships and ranges, and their condition shown as it exists on the 30th September, 1842.*

Nos. corresponding to those in statement C No. 1.	Date of contract or instructions.	Contractors.	Townships and lines returned to this office.			Townships and lines which remain to be returned.	Townships and lines relinquished.
			Paid for.	Ready for settlement.	Not ready for settlement.		
1	1836. Oct. 27	Wm. D. Ferguson and A. J. Grier.	-	-	-	-	Subdivision of townships 9, 10, 11, and 12 north, range 7 east; townships 10, 11, and 12 north, range 8 east; township 12 north, range 9 east; townships 12, 13, and 14 north, range 10 east; townships 14 north, range 11 east; and township 15 north, ranges 11 and 12 east. East boundaries of townships 9, 10, 11, and 12 north, range 7 east; townships 10, 11, and 12 north, range 8 east; townships 12, 13, and 14 north, range 9 east; and township 15 north, range 10 east. South boundaries of township 12 north, range 9 east; township 14 north, ranges 11 and 12 east;

2	1837.				township 15 north, ranges 12 and 13 east; and township 16 north, range 13 east.		east; and township 15 north, range 11 east. South boundaries of town's p 10 north, range 7 east; townships 11, 12, and 13 north, ranges 7 and 8 east; township 13 north, range 9 east; townships 13, 14, and 15 north, range 10 east; townships 15 and 16 north, range 11 east; and township 16 north, range 12 east.
2	Aug. 30	Albert Rust and Shelton Watson.		Subdivis'n of townships 17 south, ranges 14 and 16 west; township 19 south, range 15 west; and township 20 south, ranges 15 and 16 west. E. boundaries of township 16 south, ranges 14 and 15 west; township 17 south, ranges 14, 15, 16, and 17 west; town's p 18 south, ranges 14, 15, 16, and 17 west; township 19 south, ranges 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17 west; and township 20 south, ranges 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 west. South boundaries of township 16 south, ranges 13, 14, 15, and 16 west; town's p 17 south, ranges 13, 14, 15, and 16 west; township 18 south, ranges 13, 14, 15, and 16 west; and town's p 19 south, ranges 13, 14, and 15 west.	Subdivision of township 16 south, range 16 west; town's p 17 south, ranges 15 and 17 west; town's p 18 south, ranges 15, 16, and 17 west; and township 19 south, range 16 west. East boundaries of township 16 south, ranges 16 and 17 west; and township 19 south, range 15 west. South boundaries of townships 16, 17, 18, and 19 south, range 17 west; and township 19 south, ranges 12 and 16 west.	Subdivis'n of townships 16, 19, and 20 south, range 17 west. East boundary of township 19 south, ranges 7, 8, 9, and 10 west.	

C No. 2—Continued.

Nos. corresp'ing to those in statement C No. 1.	Date of contract or instructions.	Contractors.	Townships and lines returned to this office.			Townships and lines which remain to be returned.	Townships and lines relinquished.
			Paid for.	Ready for settlement.	Not ready for settlement.		
3	1837. Dec. 19	Charles H. Pelham	Subdivis'n of townships 14 and 15 north, range 2 west; townships 9 and 10 north, range 3 west; and that part of town's p 8 north, range 4 west, between Taylor's bay and White river. East boundary of township 9 north, range 3 west; and south boundary of township 10 north, range 3 west.			Subdivision of township 9 north, range 4 west.	
4	1838. June 6	F. Woodward		Extension to the State line of some of the section lines in each of the following townships, viz: township 20 south, ranges 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, west.			Extension to the State line of the unfinished lines of survey in township 20 south, ranges from 18 to 26 west, inclusive.
5	Dec. 19	Wm. D. Ferguson and A. J. Grier.			Subdivision of part of township 12 north, range 10 east.	Subdivision of townships 13 and 14 north, range 10 east; townships 14	

Date of contract or in- terest C. No. 1 Note cannot give to prove	Attorneys	Connections	Description	Remarks	Remarks
1839.					
6 Oct. 30		Leroy Williams -	Subdivision of township 4 south, range 1 west.	-	Subdivision of townships 5 and 6 south, range 1 west.
7 Oct. 30		Leroy Williams & H. B. Allis.	Subdivision of township 3 south, range 1 west, (south of White river, and north half of town- ship 3 south, range 2 east. Subdivision of parts of each of the fol- lowing named town- ships, viz: township 1 south, range 3 west; township 2 south, range 3 west; town- ship 2 south, range 2 west; township 3 south, range 2 west.	-	-
8 Dec. 10		Vernon H. H. H.			

and 16 north, range 11  
east; and township 15  
north, range 12 east.  
E. boundaries of town-  
ships 13 and 14 north,  
range 9 east; town-  
ships 14 and 15 north,  
range 10 east; and  
township 15 north,  
range 11 east. South  
boundaries of town-  
ships 13, 14, and 15,  
north, range 10 east;  
townships 15 and 16  
north, range 11 east;  
and township 16 north,  
range 12 east.

Subdivision of township  
7 south, range 1 west.

Subdivision of parts of  
each of the following-  
named townships, viz:  
township 1 north, ran-  
ges 3 and 4 west, and  
subdivision township 6  
south, range 1 east.



## C No. 2—Continued.

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Nos. correspond'g to those in statement C No. 1.	Date of contract or instructions.	Contractors.	Townships and lines returned to this office.			Townships and lines which remain to be returned.	Townships and lines relinquished.
			Paid for.	Ready for settlement.	Not ready for settlement.		
8	1841. Dec. 10	Allen Martin	East boundary of township 4 north, ranges 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 west; east boundary of townships 1, 2, and 3 north, ranges 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 west; south boundary of townships 2, 3, and 4 north, ranges 25, 26, and 27 west; south boundary of townships 1, 2, 3, and 4 north, ranges 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 west.	-	-	-	East boundary of township 4 north, ranges 26 and 27 west.
9	Dec. 11	Charles E. Moore and Israel M. Moore.	Subdivision of township 17 south, ranges 25 and 26 west; townships 16 and 17 south, ranges 26 and 27 west; township 16 south, range 28 west; township 18 south, ranges	-	-	-	Subdivision of township 17 south, range 28 west.

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10	Dec. 22	J. W. Garretson	25 and 26 west—all south and west of Red river. Subdivis'n of townships 4 and 5 north, range 1 west; subdivision of township 3 north, range 2 west; east boundary of township 4 north, range 2 west; south boundary of township 4 north, range 2 west.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Subdivision of township 4 north, range 2 west; east boundary of township 3 north, range 6 west; east boundary of townships 3 and 4 north, range 4 west; south boundary of township 4 north, ranges 3, 4, and 5 west.
11	Dec. 30	John R. Conway	Subdivis'n of townships 5 and 6 south, range 26 west; subdivision of township 5 south, range 25 west.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Subdivis'n of townships 5 and 6 south, ranges 27 and 28 west; east boundary of township 5 south, range 29 west; and south boundary of township 4 south, range 28 west.
12	1842. Jan. 12	Leroy Williams	Subdivis'n of township 8 north, ranges 13 and 14 west; subdivision of township 9 north, ranges 12, 13, and 14 west—all north of old Cherokee boundary line.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Subdivision of township 13 north, range 15 west.
13	Jan. 13	Lewis Evans	Subdivis'n of townships 16, 18, and 19 north, range 25 west; townships 11 and 12 north, range 31 west.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Subdivision of township 17 north, range 25 west.
14	Jan. 19	Gilbert Marshall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Subdivision of township 5 north, range 26 west.
15	Feb. 8	Caleb Langtree	Subdivision of township 15 south, ranges 9 and 10 west; subdivision of township 18 south, range 9 west.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Subdivision of township 19 south, range 9 west; and south boundary of township 19 south, range 10 west.

## C No. 2—Continued.

Nos. corresponding to those in statement C No. 1.	Date of contract or instructions.	Contractors.	Townships and lines returned to this office.			Townships and lines which remain to be returned.	Townships and lines relinquished.
			Paid for.	Ready for settlement.	Not ready for settlement.		
16	1842. Mar. 14	John Clark and A. Bowman.	Subdivis'n of townships 17, 18, and 19 south, range 8 west; eastern boundary of township 19 south, range 8 west.	-	-	-	East boundary of township 19 south, range 7 west; and subdivision of township 19 south, ranges 6 and 7 west.
17	Mar. 31	J. W. Garretson	-	-	-	-	Subdivis'n of townships 7 and 8 north, range 4 west, north of Little Red river and west of White river; and part of township 7 north, range 4 west, south of Little Red river.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, LITTLE ROCK, September 30, 1842.

WILLIAM PELHAM,  
Surveyor of Public Lands in Arkansas.

## D No. 1.

*Estimates of the expenses of this office for the half year commencing 1st January, 1843, and ending 30th June, 1843, viz :*

For what object.	Amount.
To pay for the surveying now under contract, and that which remains to be contracted for, under former orders - - - - -	\$13,420 00
To pay for the proposed new surveys, of which 1,350 miles, at \$4 per mile, will cost \$5,300, and the remainder, 4,700 miles, at \$3 per mile, \$14,100—together - - - - -	19,400 00
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	\$32,820 00
To make up the deficiency in the salary of the surveyor general for the year 1842, caused by the failure of Congress to provide for the same - - - - -	500 00
Half year's salary of the surveyor general - - - - -	1,000 00
Half year's salary of the regular clerks, as per act of Congress of the 9th of May, 1836 - - - - -	1,400 00
Half year's compensation of the extra draughtsman, whose services, in connexion with the regular clerks, are necessary to transact the ordinary business of the office - - - - -	500 00
Half year's salary of an additional regular clerk, to prepare the descriptive lists for the registers of the different land offices - - - - -	400 00
Compensation of a clerk to transcribe field notes of survey, for transmission to the seat of Government - - - - -	500 00
Office rent - - - - -	150 00
Fuel - - - - -	100 00
Postage and tin cases - - - - -	75 00
Stationery, bookbinding, and printing - - - - -	200 00
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	37,645 00

WILLIAM PELHAM,  
*Surveyor of Public Lands in Arkansas.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,  
*Little Rock, November 9, 1842.*

## D No. 2.

*Estimates of the expenses of this office for the year commencing 1st of July, 1843, and ending 30th June, 1844, to wit :*

Amount.	For what object.	Amount.
	Salary of surveyor general - - - - -	\$2,000 00
	Salary of the regular clerks, as per act of Congress of 9th May, 1836 - - - - -	2,800 00
	Compensation of the extra draughtsman, whose services, in connexion with the regular clerks, are necessary to transact the ordinary business of the office - - - - -	1,000 00
	Salary of an additional regular clerk, to prepare the descriptive lists, for the registers of the different land offices - - - - -	800 00
	Compensation of a clerk to transcribe the field notes of survey, for transmission to the seat of Government - - - - -	1,000 00
	Office rent - - - - -	300 00
	Fuel - - - - -	100 00
	Postage and tin cases - - - - -	150 00
	Stationery, bookbinding, and printing - - - - -	350 00
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		\$8,500 00

WILLIAM PELHAM,

*Surveyor of Public Lands in Arkansas.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

*Little Rock, November 9, 1842.*



## E.

*A list of the townships which it is proposed to survey during the year 1843, and for which expense there is an item in the estimates of this office for that year, to wit :*

North of the base line and east of the fifth principal meridian :

Township 13, range 10.

Township 14, range 11.

Township 15, range 12.

North of the base line and west of the fifth principal meridian :

Townships 5 and 6, range 2.

Townships 4, 5, and 6, range 3.

Townships 3 and 4, range 5.

Township 3, range 6.

Township 12, range 8, north of old Cherokee boundary line.

Townships 11 and 12, range 9, north of old Cherokee boundary line.

Townships 11, 12, and 13, range 10, north of the old Cherokee boundary line.

Townships 12 and 13, range 11.

Townships 12 and 13, range 12.

Townships 12, 13, and 14, range 13.

Township 12, range 14.

Township 15, range 17.

Townships 15 and 17, range 18.

Townships 15, 16, 19, and 20, range 19.

Townships 9, 10, 11, 20, and 21, range 20.

Townships 9, 10, 11, 20, and 21, range 21.

Townships 10, 11, 20, and 21, range 22.

Townships 11, 19, and 21, range 23.

Townships 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, range 24.

Townships 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, and 21, range 25.

Townships 2, 3, 4, 11, 14, and 21, range 26.

Townships 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, and 21, range 27.

Townships 11, 12, and 13, range 30.

Township 13, range 31.

South of the base line and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Townships 14, 16, and 17, range 10.

Townships 14, 15, 16, and 17, range 11.

Townships 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, range 12.

Townships 2 and 3, range 28.

Townships 2, 3, 4, and 5, range 29.

Townships 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, range 30.

Townships 4, 5, 6, and 7, range 31.

WILLIAM PELHAM,

*Surveyor of Public Lands in Arkansas.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

*Little Rock, November 9, 1842.*

DR. *The United States in account current with William Pelham, surveyor general in the district of Arkansas.* CR.

1841	To balance due me on the 30th September, 1841	- \$6,904 20½	1841.	Dec. 1	By Treasury draft No. 6560, on the collector of customs, New Orleans	- - - - - \$8,000 00
1842	To this amount, paid for surveying, out of the general appropriation, during the 1st 2d, and 3d quarters 1842	20,209 33½	1842.	Feb. 24	By Treasury draft No. 180, on receiver of public moneys at Batesville, Arkansas	- - - - - 1,100 00
	To this amount, paid for surveying, out of the special appropriation of \$6,000 for surveying, at augmented prices, during the 1st and 2d quarters of 1842	1,190 29			By Treasury draft No. 181, on receiver of public moneys at Helena, Arkansas	- - - - - 1,450 00
	To incidental expenses of the office during the 4th quarter of 1841, and 1st, 2d, and 3d quarters of 1842	1,020 54			By Treasury draft No. 182, on receiver of public moneys at Washington, Arkansas	- - - - - 2,150 00
	To this amount, on Treasury draft No. 6010, on the receiver of public moneys at Little Rock, which was credited in the account current of the 3d quarter of 1841, as surveying fund, but afterwards found to be intended for the payment of 2d quarter's salary account	446 72		June 7	By Treasury draft No. 183, on the collector of customs, New Orleans	- - - - - 5,300 00
	Balance unexpended in my hands this day	1,228 91½		Aug. 9	By Treasury draft No. 479, on the collector of customs, New Orleans	- - - - - 5,000 00
					By 76 Treasury notes, issued on Treasury warrant No. 2466, amounting to	- - - - - 8,000 00
	Total	31,000 00			Total	31,000 00

WILLIAM PELHAM,  
*Surveyor of Public Lands in Arkansas.*

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, LITTLE ROCK, *September 30, 1842.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Dubuque, December 3, 1842.*

SIR: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of September 24, 1842, calling for my annual report on the condition of the surveys and contemplated new surveys in my district, accompanied with my estimates for salaries, compensation of clerks and draughtsmen, and surveying, to be laid before Congress at its approaching session.

In compliance with its requisition, I respectfully submit the following report:

The unfinished surveys embraced in the contract with Sprague & Mansfield, named in my last annual report, have been committed to Alvin Burt, under contract dated April 12, 1842. In conformity to my instructions, he made an examination of the work said to have been performed by Sprague & Mansfield, and has reported to me that the whole of their work in the field was done so imperfectly and inaccurately that it could not be made available to the Government. He has therefore made an entire resurvey of said district, and returned the field notes thereof to this office. The original plats, (15 townships and fractional townships, containing 170,975.36 acres,) and part of the copies of the same, are made. The copies may be ready for transmission to the general and district land offices by the first of January next.

The unfinished contracts for surveys in the Sac and Fox cession of October 21, 1837, have all been completed and paid for. The original plats and copies, also the descriptive notes of the same, are made and transmitted to the general and district land offices since my last annual report, amounting to 55 townships, containing 1,254,390.90 acres.

The only new surveys ordered in this surveying district this year are the valuable islands in the Mississippi river, not heretofore surveyed, the survey of which was contracted for by J. E. Whitcher, May 26, 1842, who has made a return of the field notes of the surveys thereof, which are nearly platted.

The whole number of townships and fractional townships transcribed for the General Land Office in Wisconsin Territory is - 459

And in Iowa Territory - - - - - 240

The whole number of townships and fractional townships recorded in Wisconsin Territory is - - - - - 403

And in Iowa Territory - - - - - 217

The whole number of surveyed townships and fractional townships to be transcribed for the General Land Office in Wisconsin Territory is - - - - - 64

And in Iowa Territory - - - - - 50

The whole number of surveyed townships and fractional townships to be recorded in Wisconsin Territory is - - - - - 120

And in Iowa Territory - - - - - 91

The communication of your predecessor, dated November 30, 1841, states that the unexpended balance of former appropriations is sufficient for the execution of the surveys which were recommended to be made in Wisconsin Territory in 1842; and as no new surveys have been ordered therein, (except the islands before spoken of,) it will not be necessary to estimate for said surveys, provided said unexpended balance still remains available; but if not available, I have to estimate for new surveys in Wisconsin Territory, (as before recommended in my last annual report,) and incidental expenses for the half year ending June 30, 1843:

For surveys in Wisconsin Territory -	-	-	\$16,000 00
For stationery, printing, binding, and postage -	-	-	400 00
For office rent and fuel, per act of 12th June, 1838, and proposed increase of \$75 -	-	-	250 00
<b>Total</b> -	-	-	<u>16,650 00</u>

In anticipation of the ratification by the Senate of the United States of the late treaty with the Sac and Fox Indians, for their lands in Iowa Territory, before the close of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1844, which, if consummated, would render it highly important and desirable that a portion of the same be surveyed into townships, and a part thereof subdivided as early as possible, I have to estimate thus :

For surveying township lines in Iowa Territory for the year ending 30th June, 1844 -	-	-	-	\$8,000 00
For subdividing townships into sections in Iowa Territory -	-	-	-	16,500 00
For stationery, printing, binding, and postage -	-	-	-	800 00
For office rent and fuel, per act of 12th June, 1838, and proposed increase of \$150 -	-	-	-	500 00
<b>Total</b> -	-	-	-	<u>25,800 00</u>

It appears by the appropriation bill of last Congress that all the amounts estimated for clerk hire, in my last annual report, were not made; consequently, I have been under the necessity of discharging four of my clerks, whose aggregate services, rendered during the first three quarters of 1842, exceed the amount of the appropriations by the sum of \$3,350 49.

I have therefore to submit an estimate for salaries of the surveyor general, regular and extra clerks, for the half year ending the 30th June, 1843, and for arrearages, as follows :

For the salary of the surveyor general, per act 12th June, 1838, and a proposed increase of \$250 -	-	-	\$1,000 00
For two clerks in this office, per act 12th June, 1838, and a proposed increase of \$200 -	-	-	1,000 00
For arrearages due extra clerks, for transcribing field notes of surveys, during the 1st, 2d, and 3d quarters of 1842, for preservation at the seat of Government -	-	-	40 14
For arrearages due extra clerks, for recording field notes, making descriptive notes, and copying plats, &c., during the 1st, 2d, and 3d quarters of 1842 -	-	-	3,310 35
For extra clerks to transcribe field notes of surveys for preservation at the seat of Government -	-	-	800 00
For extra clerks to record field notes of surveys, making descriptive notes, copying plats, &c., and to be compensated by the word or plat -	-	-	800 00
<b>Total</b> -	-	-	<u>\$6,950 49</u>

I have also to submit the following estimate for the year ending the 30th June, 1844 :

For the salary of the surveyor general, per act 12th June, 1838, and a proposed increase of \$500 -	-	-	\$2,000 00
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For two clerks in this office, per act 12th June, 1838, and a proposed increase of \$400 - - - - -	\$2,000 00
For extra clerks to transcribe field notes of surveys for preservation at the seat of Government - - - - -	1,200 00
For extra clerks to record field notes of surveys, making descriptive notes, copying plats, &c., to be compensated by the word or plat - - - - -	2,400 00
Total - - - - -	<u>7,600 00</u>

The condition of the disbursement accounts for the past year are exhibited in tabular statement A, the contracts which have been completed and settled are exhibited in tabular statement B, and tabular statement C exhibits the condition of contracts not settled. With this you will receive duplicate skeleton maps\* of Wisconsin and Iowa Territories.

JAMES WILSON, *Surveyor General.*

HON. THOMAS H. BLAKE,  
*Commissioner General Land Office, Washington.*

A.

*General statement of receipts and disbursements for surveying the public lands in the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, for the year ending September 30, 1842.*

RECEIPTS.		
Cash received from the Treasurer of the United States in the fourth quarter of 1841 - - -	\$8,000 00	
Cash received from the Treasurer of the United States in the first quarter of 1842 - - -	3,000 00	
Cash received from the Treasurer of the United States in the second quarter of 1842 - - -	3,000 00	14,000 00
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Cash expended in fourth quarter of 1841 - - -	6,071 33½	
Cash expended in first quarter of 1842 - - -	4,426 34½	
Cash expended in second quarter of 1842 - - -	335 79	
Cash expended in third quarter of 1842 - - -	876 63½	
Balance to my credit, September 30, 1841 - - -	103 10	11,813 20
Balance to the credit of the United States - - -	-	<u>2,186 80</u>

JAMES WILSON,  
*Surveyor General.*

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Dubuque, December 3, 1842.*

\* Omitted.



## B.

*Tabular statement of contracts for surveying in the district comprising the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, which have been completed and paid for.*

Date of contract.	By whom surveyed.	Territory.	Whole No. of miles.			Amount paid in full.	Remarks.
1840.			Ms.	chs.	lks.		
October 24 1841.	John Bannister -	Wisconsin -	85	41	15	\$256 55	For the survey of Stockbridge and Munsee cession of 1839.
April 1	Hugil & Freeman -	Iowa -	303	33	63	834 40	For surveys in the Sac and Fox cession of 1837.
1	Wiltse & Shannon -	Do -	358	75	19	987 08	Do do do.
1	William L. D. Ewing -	Do -	298	44	52	821 03	Do do do.
1	Foley & McDonald -	Do -	339	53	86	932 64	Do do do.
1	Thomas C. Child -	Do -	361	07	41	993 01	Do do do.
May 18	Whiteside & Campbell -	Do -	416	76	61	1,146 63	Do do do.
18	Thomas M. Weldon -	Do -	404	74	76	1,113 56	Do do do.
18	Moses Vilas -	Do -	296	64	75	816 23	Do do do.
18	William P. Hull -	Do -	298	60	26	821 57	Do do do.
June 9	Garret Vleit -	Do -	446	10	30	1,226 85	Do do do.
<i>Special instructions.</i>							
1840.							
January 9	John Bannister -	Wisconsin -	6	08	42	18 31	For survey of two islands in Fox lake, T. 13 N., R. 13 E., 4th meridian.
February 7	William A. Burt -	Do -	6	46	37	19 74	For resurvey of section 1, T. 1 N., R. 5 E., 4th meridian.
			3,623	37	23	9,987 60	

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, DUBUQUE, December 3, 1842.

JAMES WILSON, Surveyor General.

*Tabular statement of contracts for surveying in the district comprising the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa.*

Date of contract.	By whom surveyed.	Territory.	Time allowed, in months.	Estimated No. of miles in contract.	Price per mile.	Estimated amount of contract.	No. of miles returned in part.	No. of miles returned in full.	Amount paid in part.	Amount of surveys returned.	Remarks.
1839. Dec. 30 1842.	Sprague & Mansfield -	Wisconsin	5	500	\$2 75	\$1,375	-	M. chs. lks. -	\$797 49	-	Surveys rejected; the same district assigned to Alvin Burt. The field notes returned and platted. For survey of islands in the Mississippi river; notes returned & partly platted.
April 12	Alvin Burt -	Do -	4	-	2 75	-	-	503 20 01	-	\$1,383 94	
May 26	J. E. Whitcher -	I. T. and W. T.	2½	133	3 00	400	-	266 about	-	800 say	
				633		1,775		769 20 01		2,183 94	

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, DUBUQUE, *December 3, 1842.*

JAMES WILSON, *Surveyor General.*

